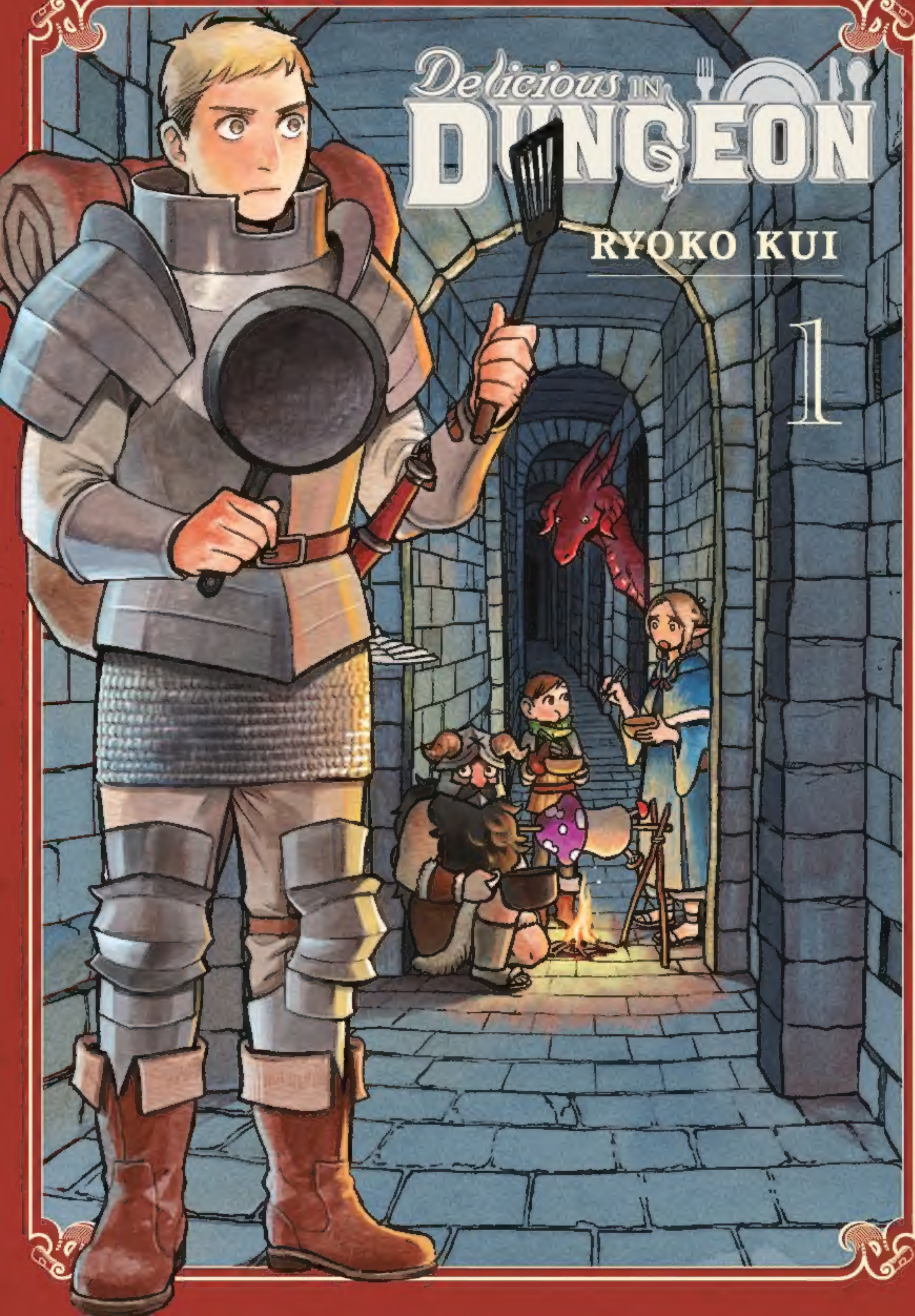


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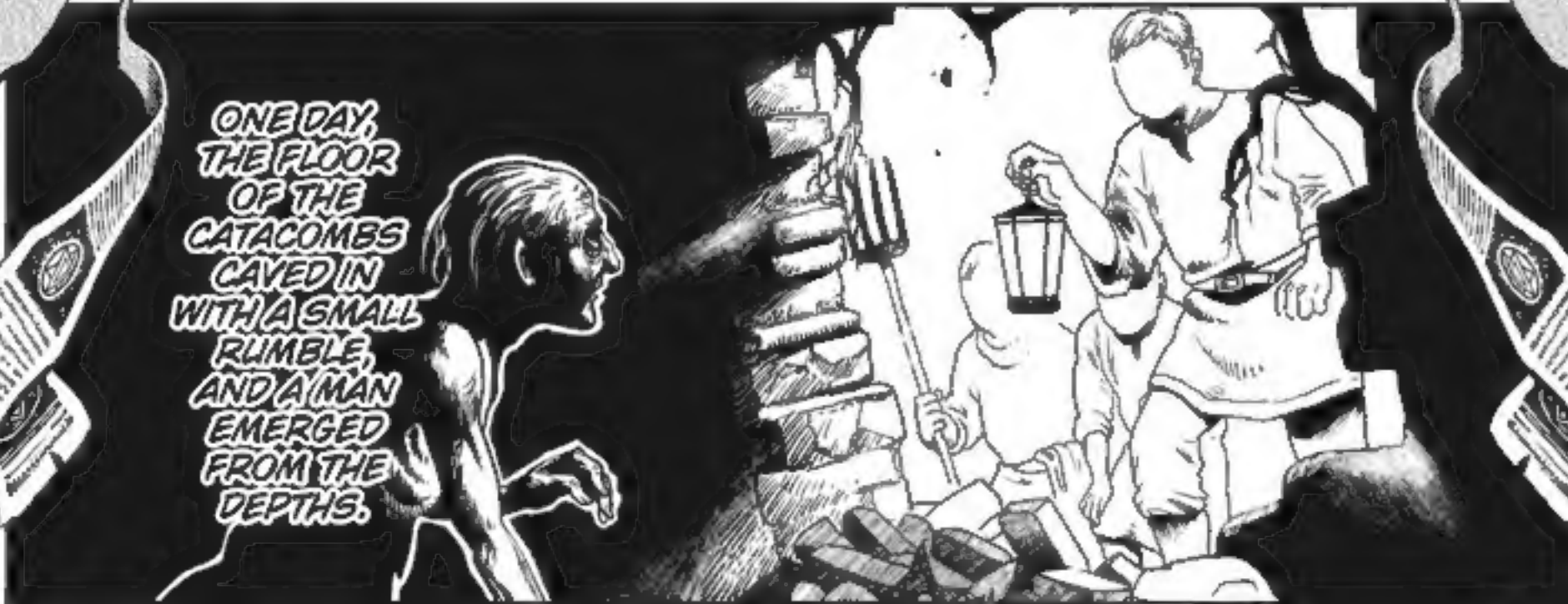
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IT
BEGAN
IN A TINY
VILLAGE.



ONE DAY,
THE FLOOR
OF THE
CATACOMBS
CAVED IN
WITH A SMALL
RUMBLE,
AND A MAN
EMERGED
FROM THE
DEPTHS.



THE ONCE-
SPLENDID
COUNTRY HAD
BEEN SEALED
DEEP BENEATH
THE EARTH
BY A LUNATIC
MAGICIAN,
AND THERE IT
REMAINED.

THE MAN
SAID HE WAS
THE KING OF
A GOLDEN
COUNTRY THAT
HAD FALLEN
A THOUSAND
YEARS AGO.

Chapter 1



WITH THOSE
FINAL WORDS,
THE MAN
TURNED TO
DUST AND
VANISHED.

I BESTOW
MY ENTIRE
KINGDOM
UPON THE
ONE WHO
DEFEATS THE
MAGICIAN.



GOOOOOO
(RUMBLE)

GIVE
IT ALL
YOU'VE
GOT,
GUYS!



WE
HAVE NO
VULNERA-
BILITIES.

WE
COULDN'T
BE MORE
PREPARED
FOR THIS.

ONCE
WE SLAY
THIS
DRAGON,
WE'RE
ALMOST
THERE!



EXCEPT...

LET'S
GET
'IM!



...I'M HUNGRY.



ZUDONLI (WHUD)

KU!



...AND FELL INTO A TRAP LOSING THREE DAYS' WORTH OF FOOD.

WHO!



ON THE WAY HERE, WE WASTED A DAY WANDERING AROUND THANKS TO A MISTAKE ON OUR MAP...

IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE GOING IN CIRCLES...



DOON (BOOM)

OUR MOVEMENTS ARE SLUGGISH.

WAAH!

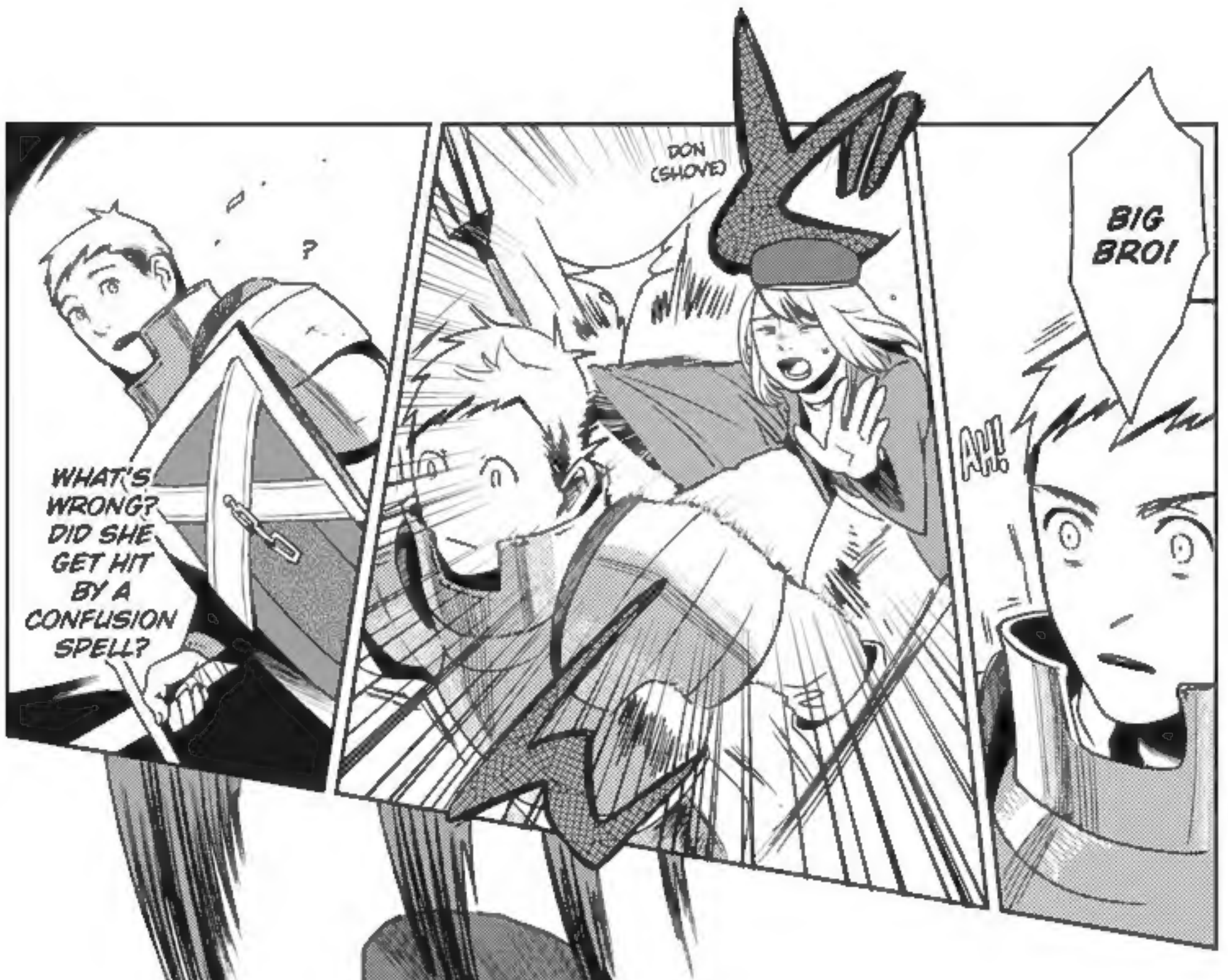
IT'S A PAIN, BUT ONCE WE DEFEAT THIS DRAGON, WE'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK TEMPORARILY.

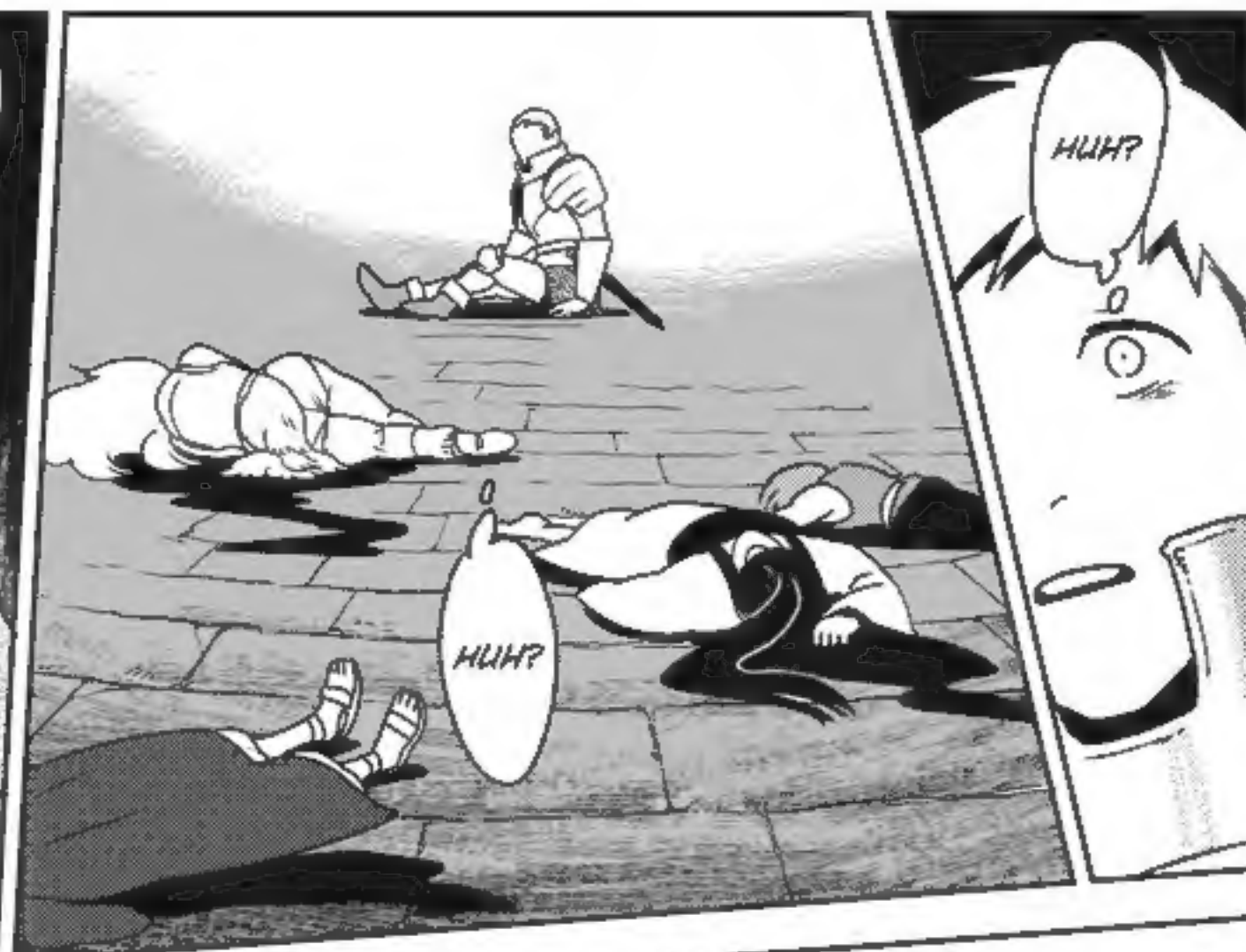


DEFENSIVE SPELLS WON'T WORK IN TIME.

SHUUU (ROAR)

HURRY, HEAL HER!



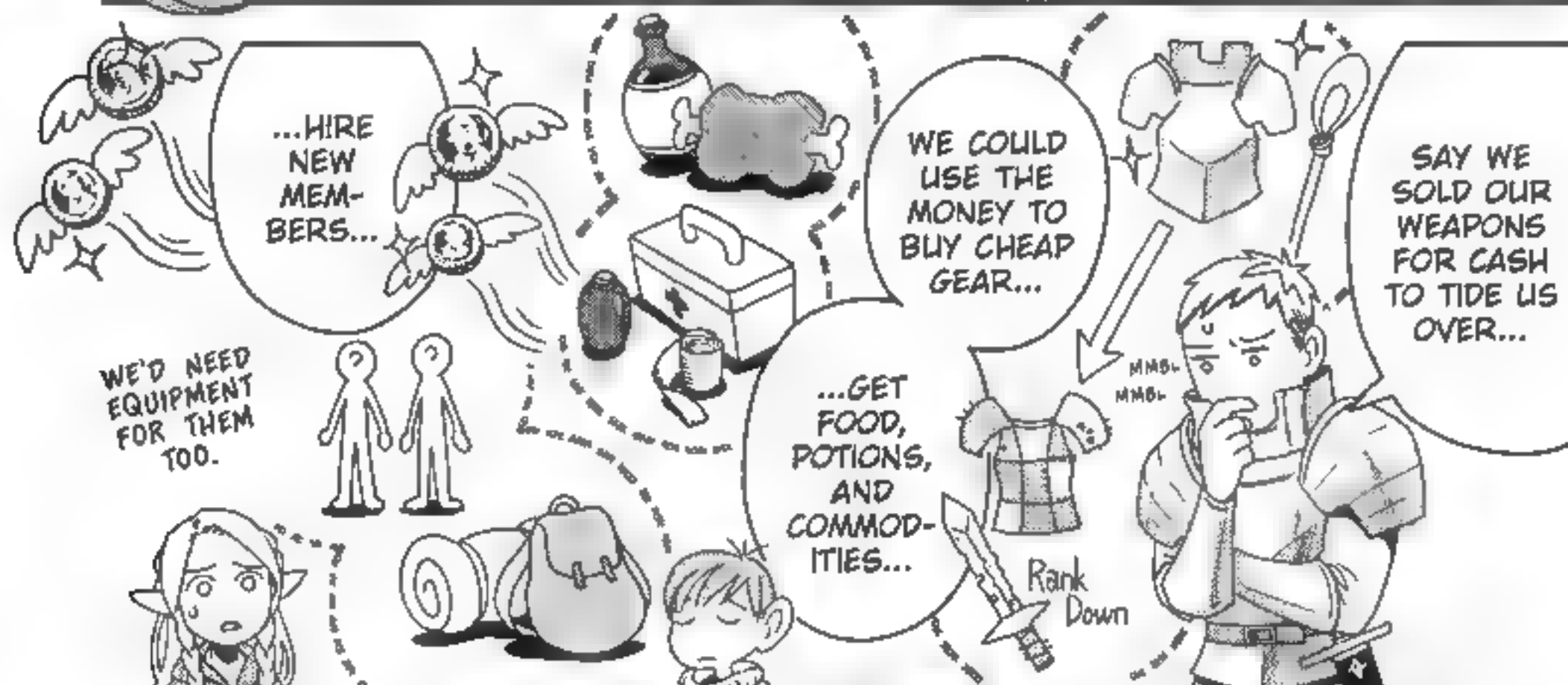
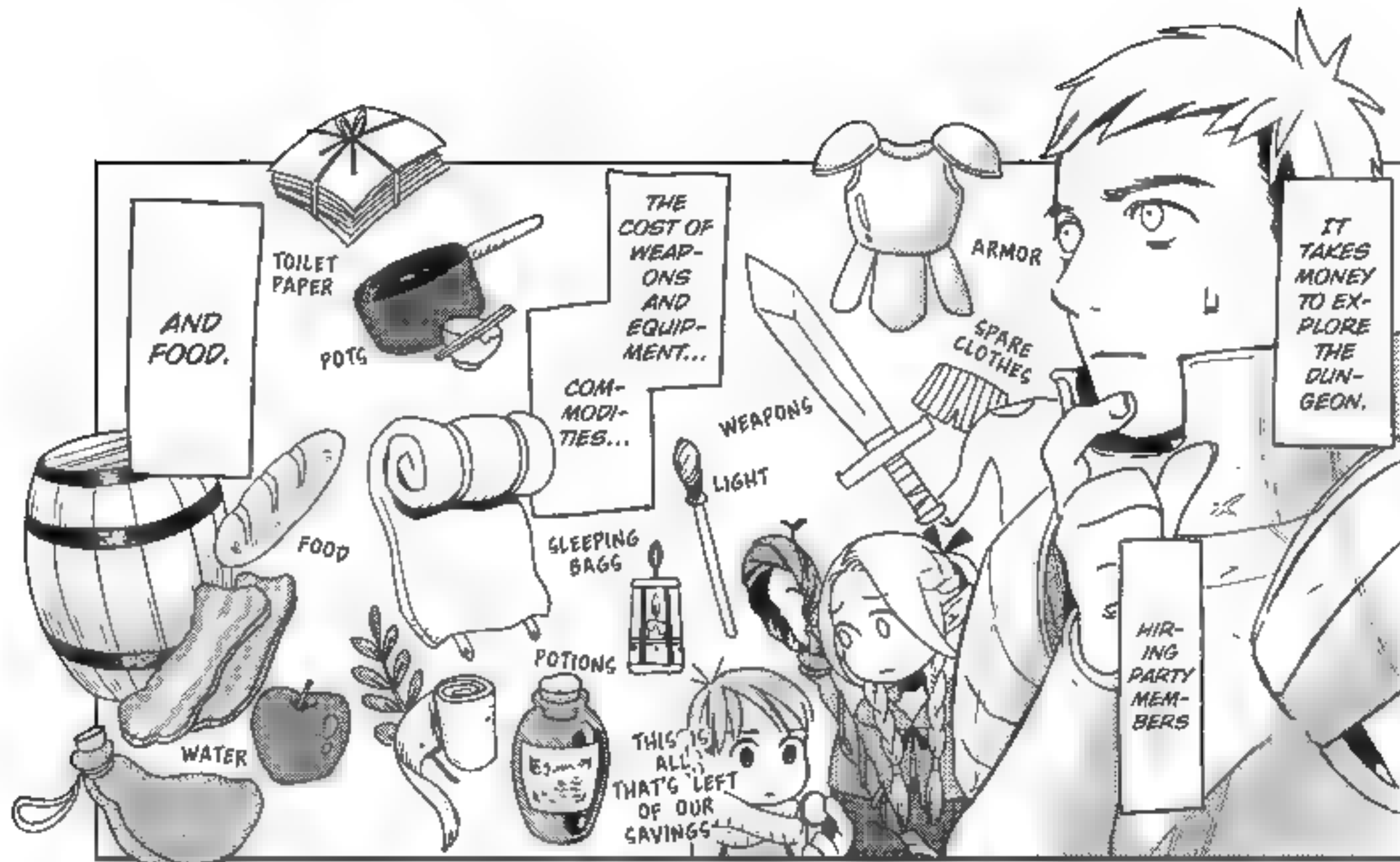


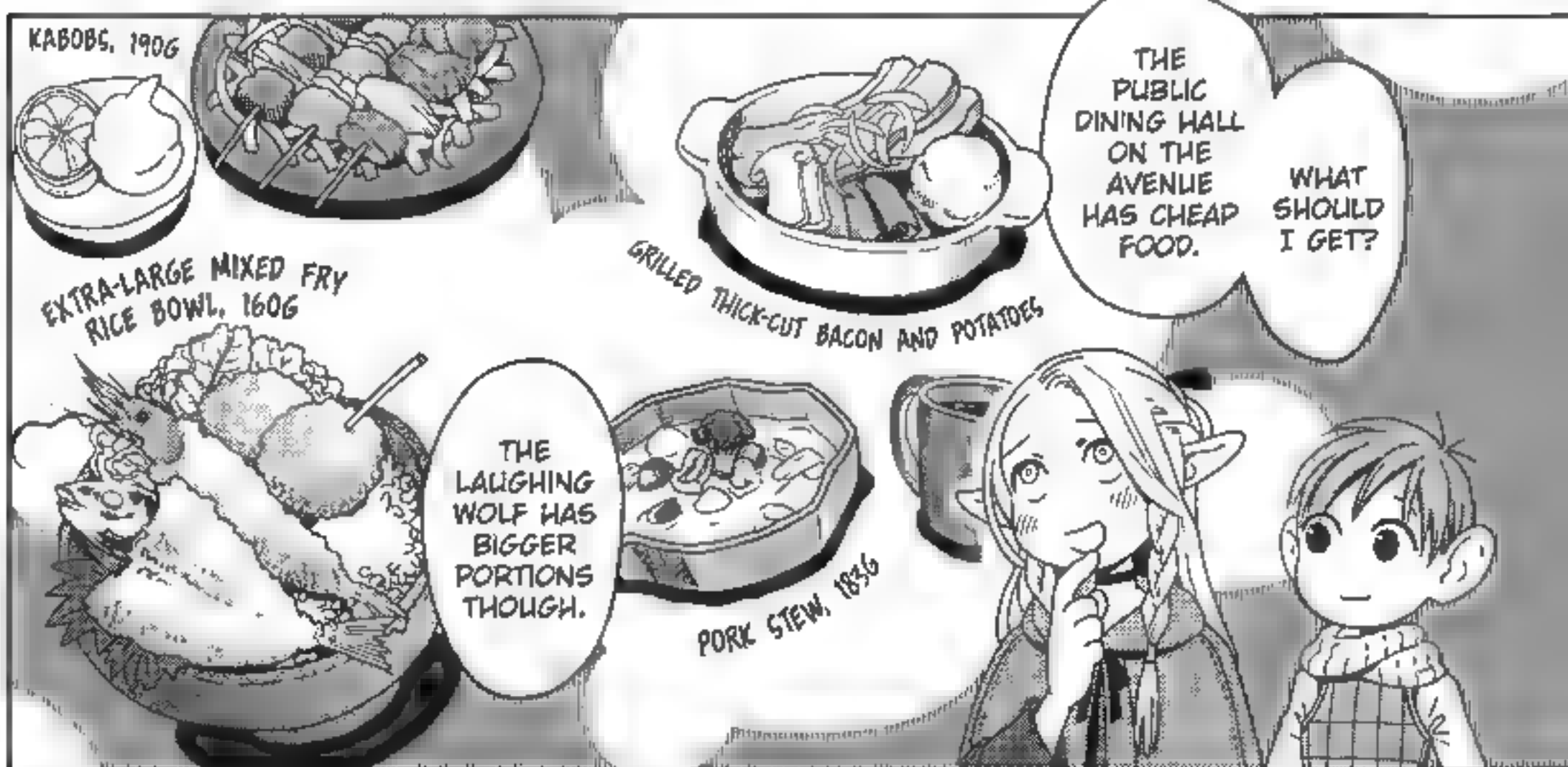


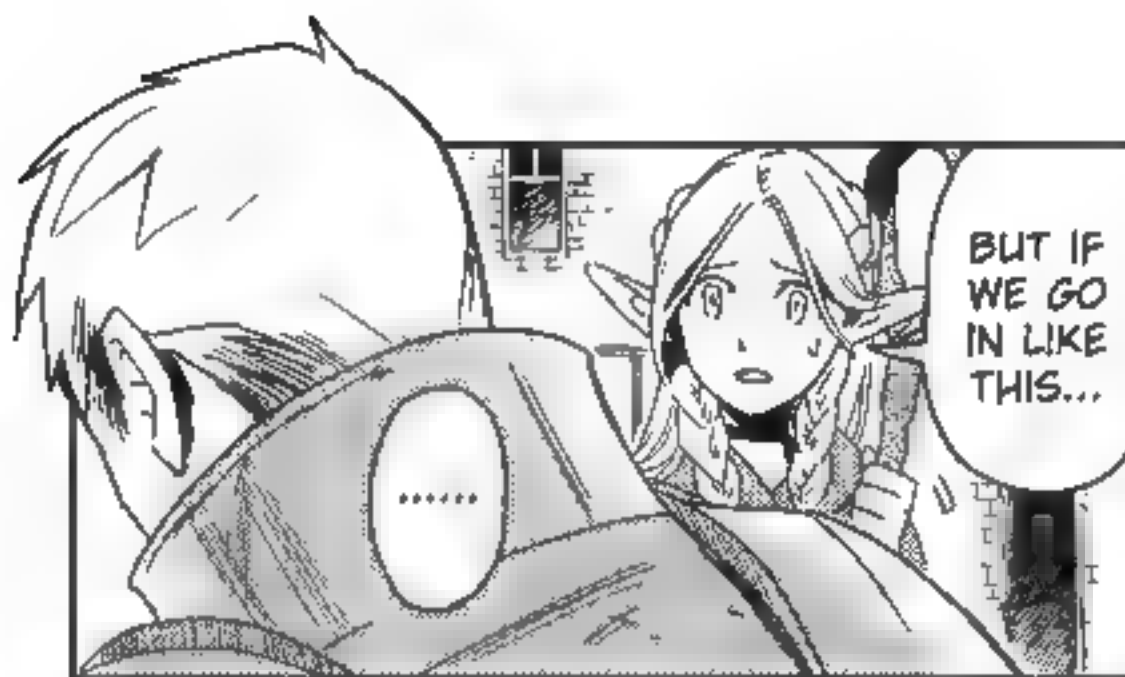
1. HOT POT











BUT IF
WE GO
IN LIKE
THIS...





YOU NEED SOME-
BODY WHO
UNLOCKS
DOORS
AND
DISARMS
TRAPS.

YOU'D
BETTER
NOT
FORGET
MY SPE-
CIALTY
EITHER.



YOU
KNOW
HOW
POWER-
FUL MY
MAGIC
IS.

AND DON'T
TELL ME
I'LL HOLD
YOU BACK.



**NO! I'M
ABSOLUTELY
GOING WITH
YOU!**

**I CARE
ABOUT
FALIN
TOO.**



YOU
GUYS...



**NO
MATTER
WHAT!!?**

**YOU
REALLY
INTEND
TO
COME
WITH
ME?**



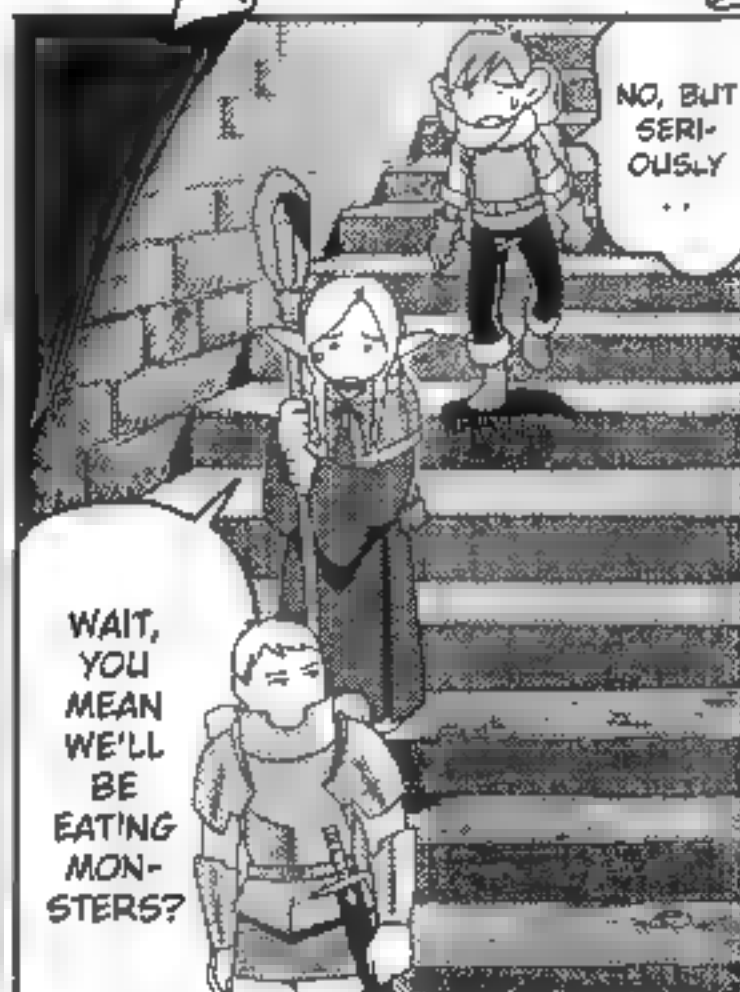
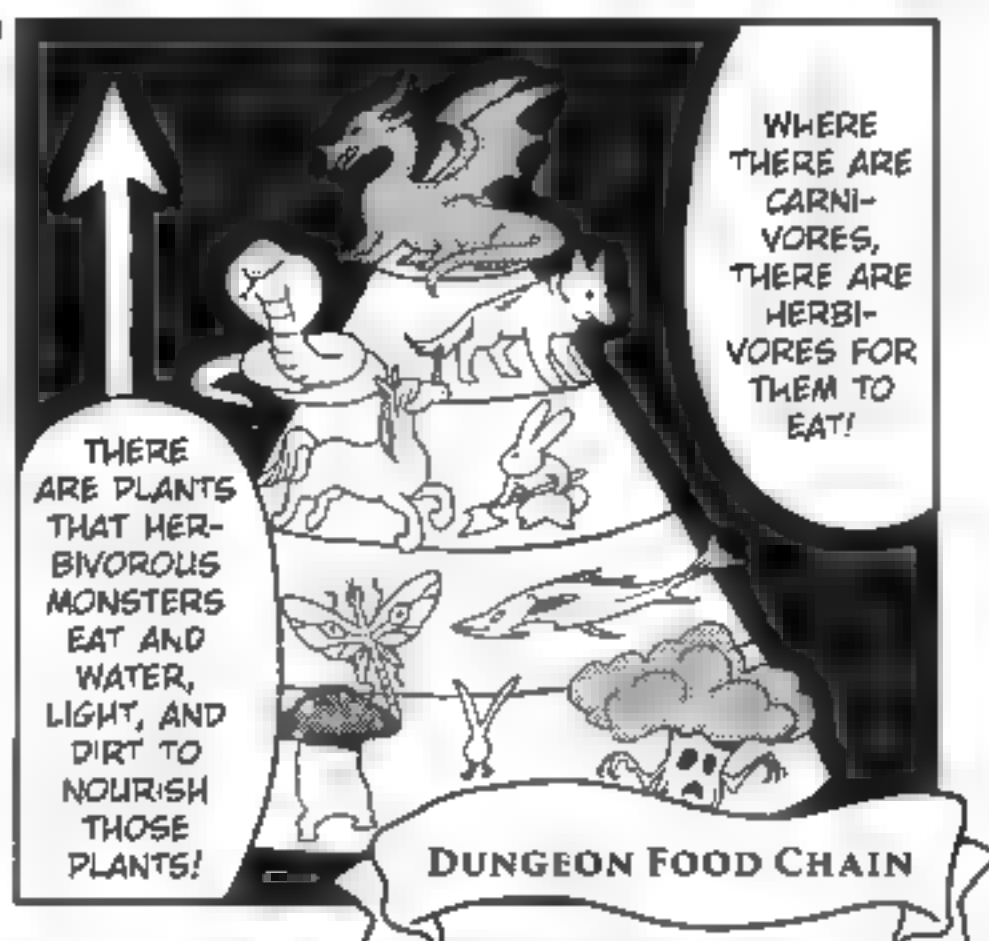
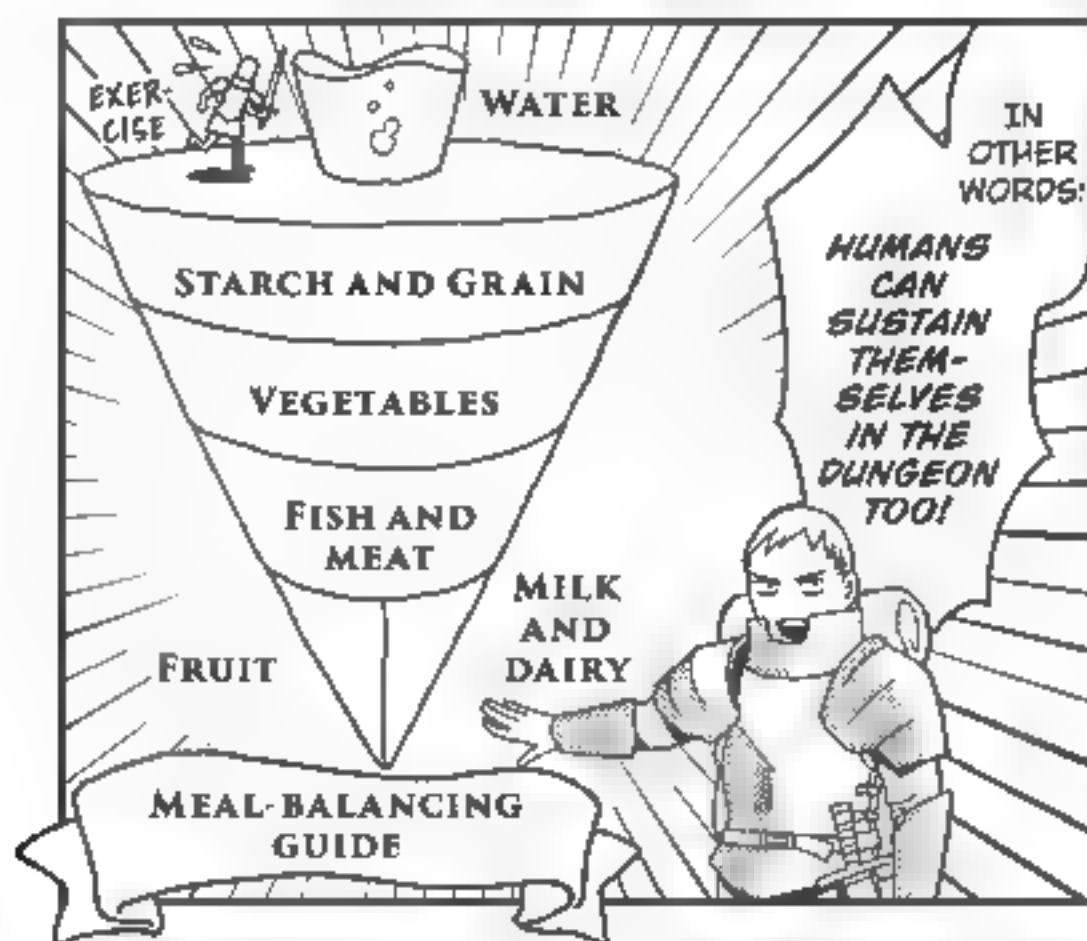
GASHII
(GRAB)

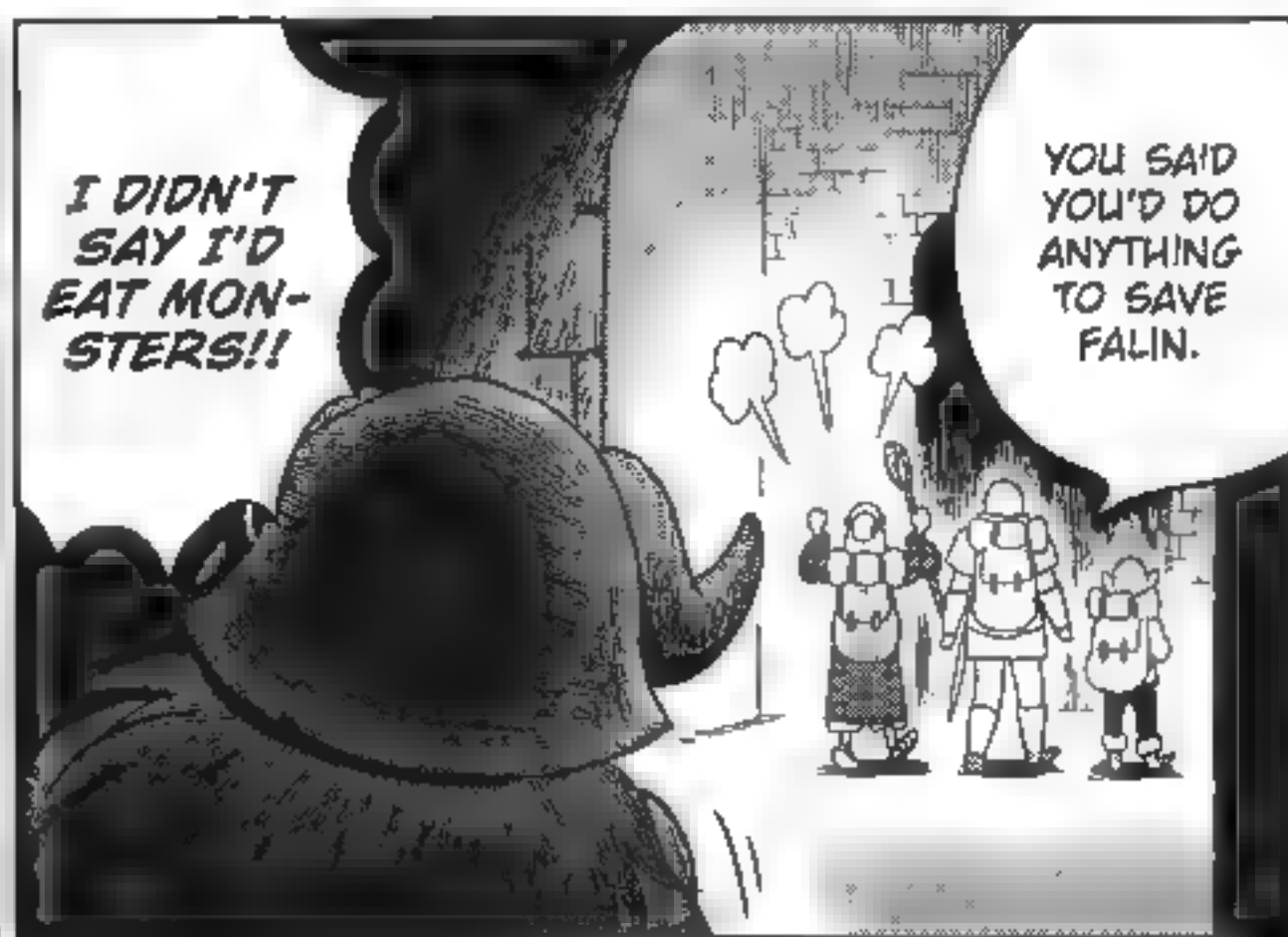
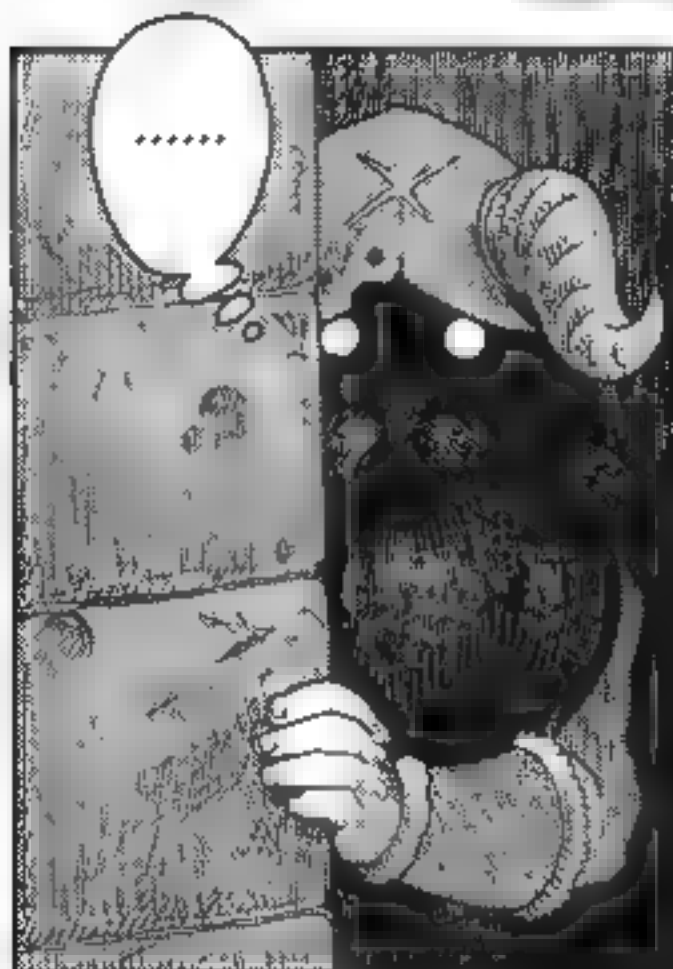


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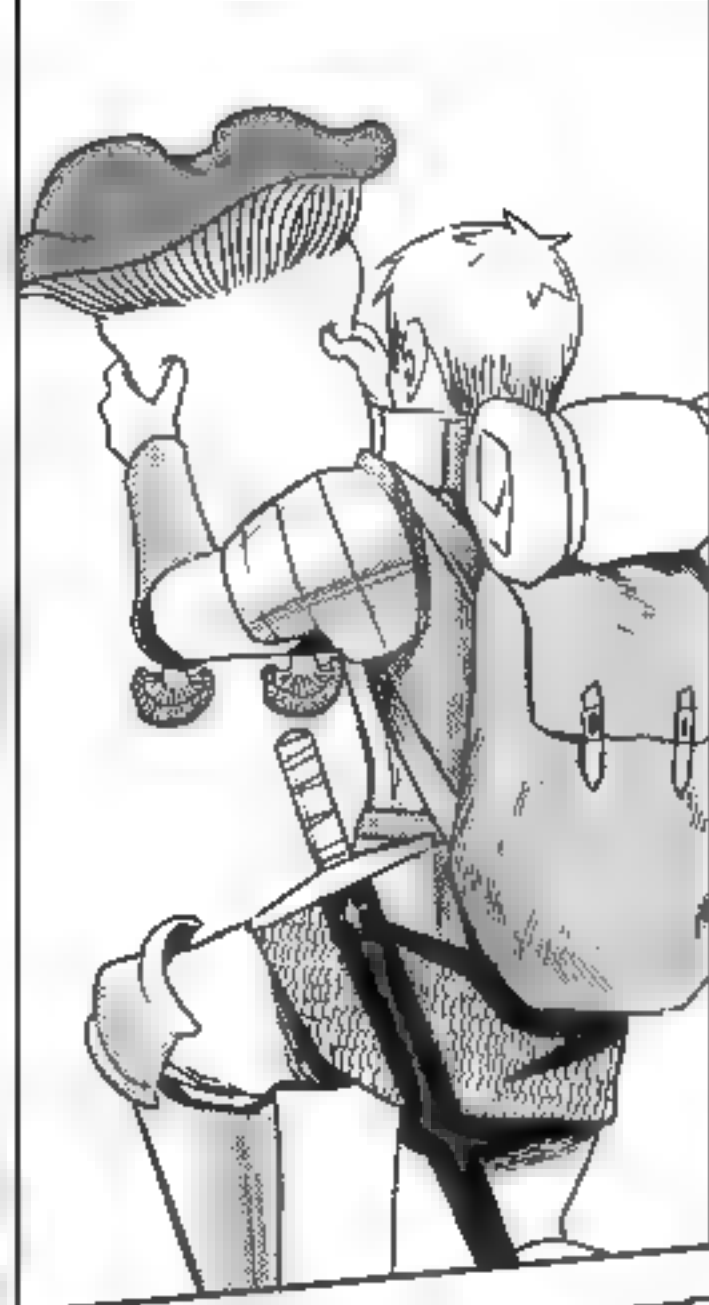
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UH-
HUH...?

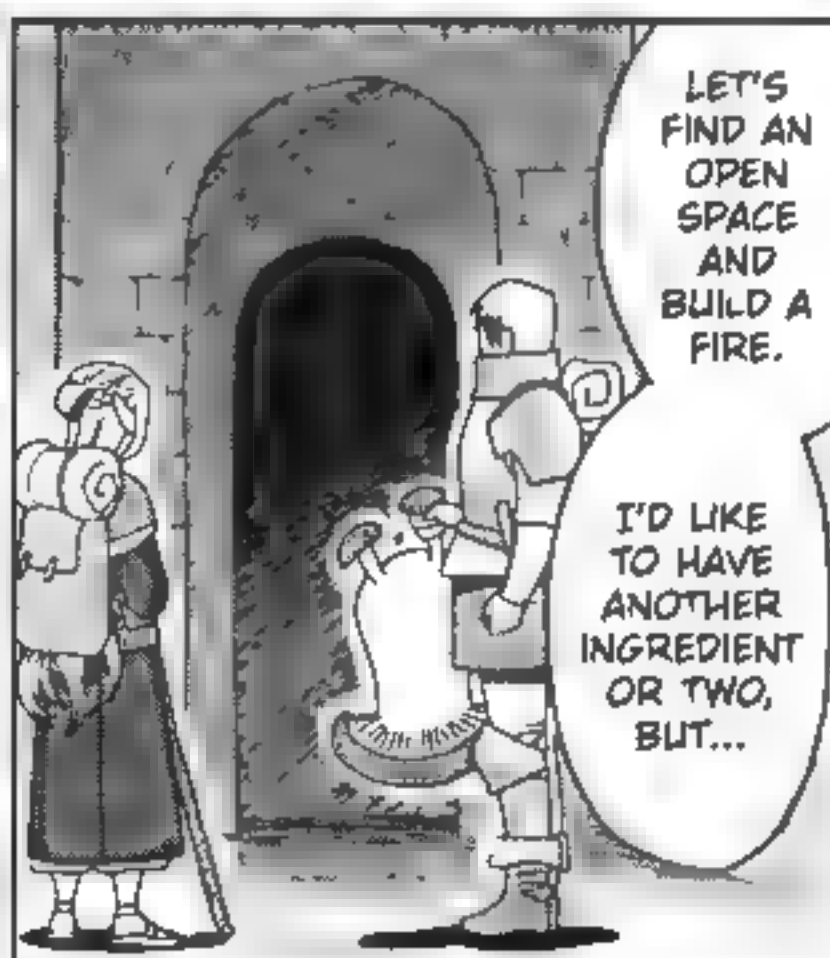
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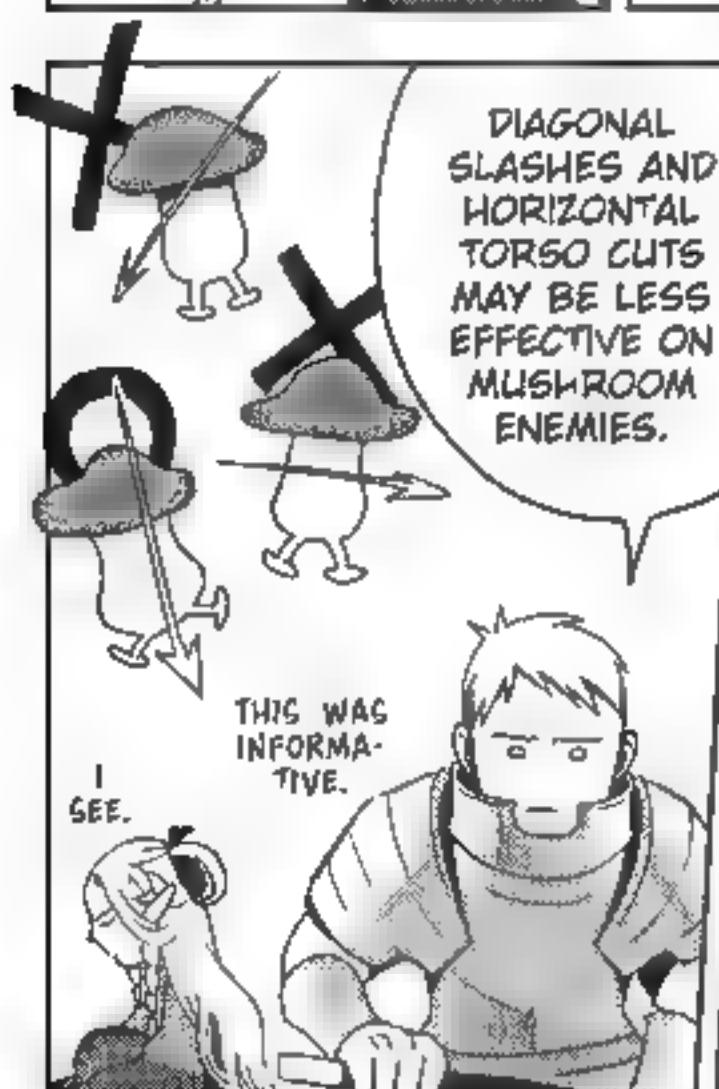
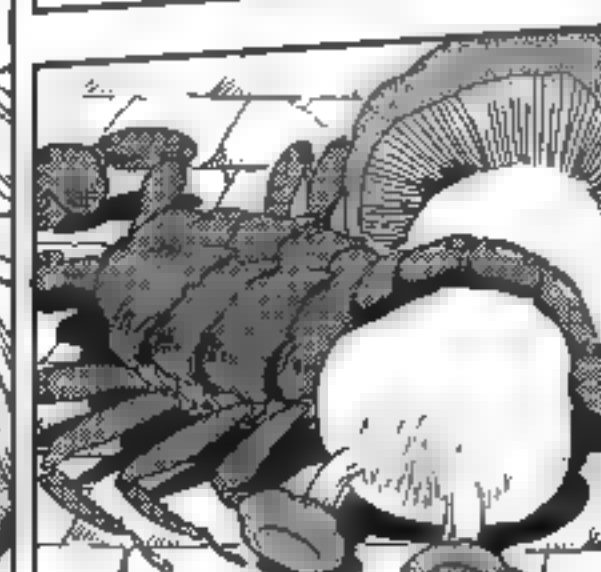
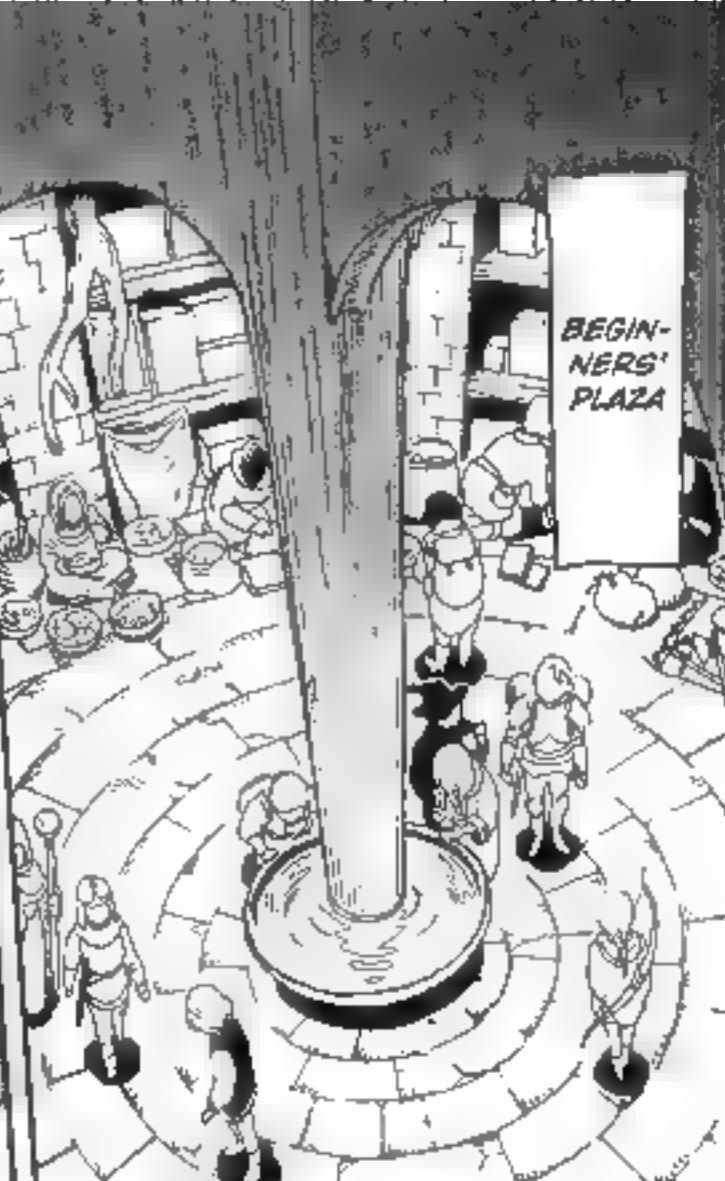




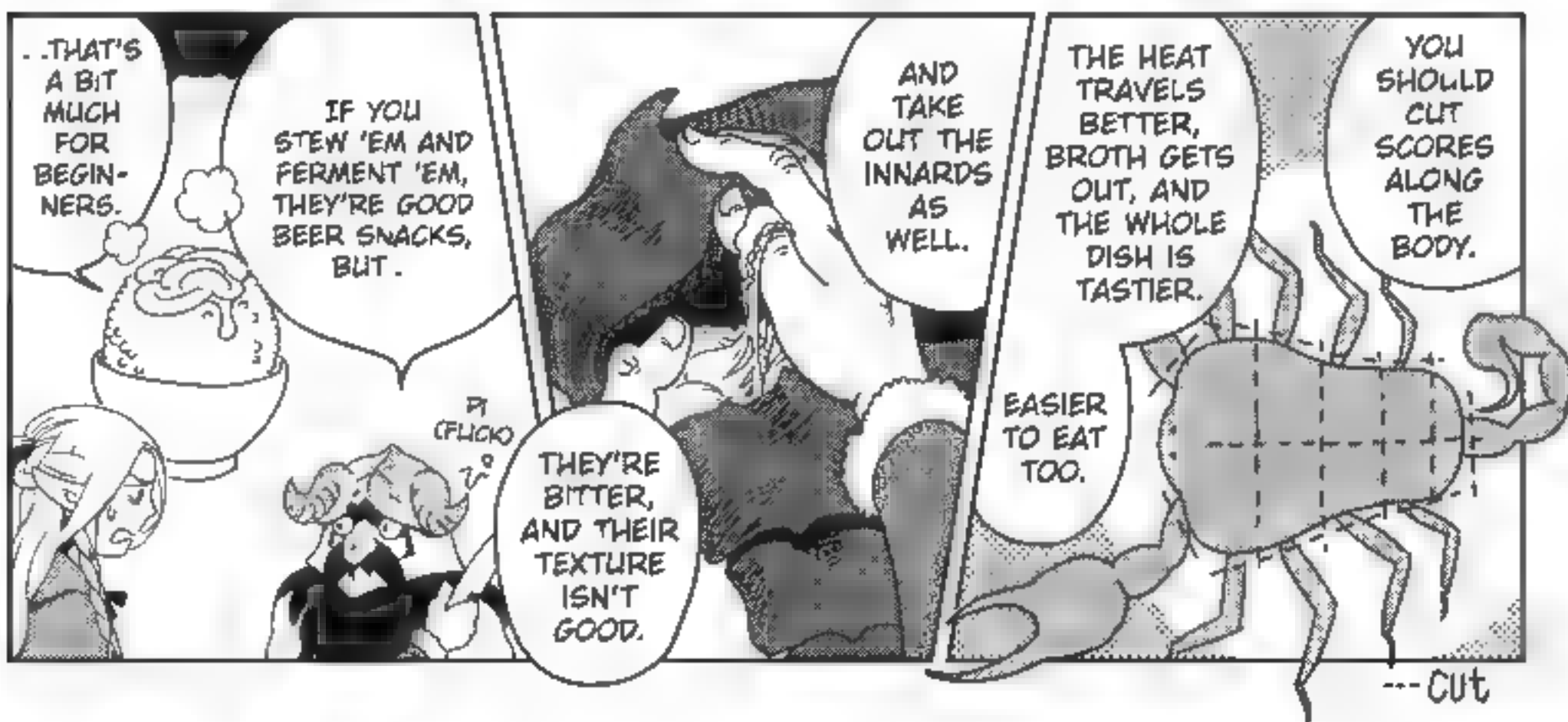


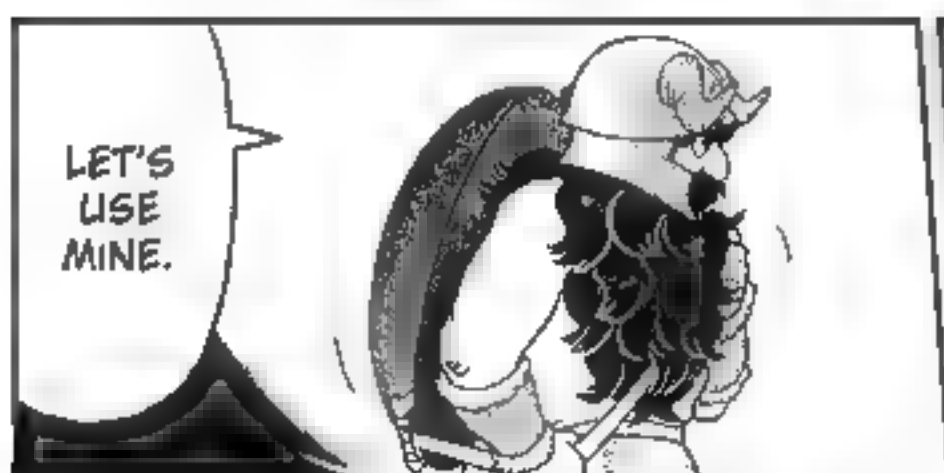




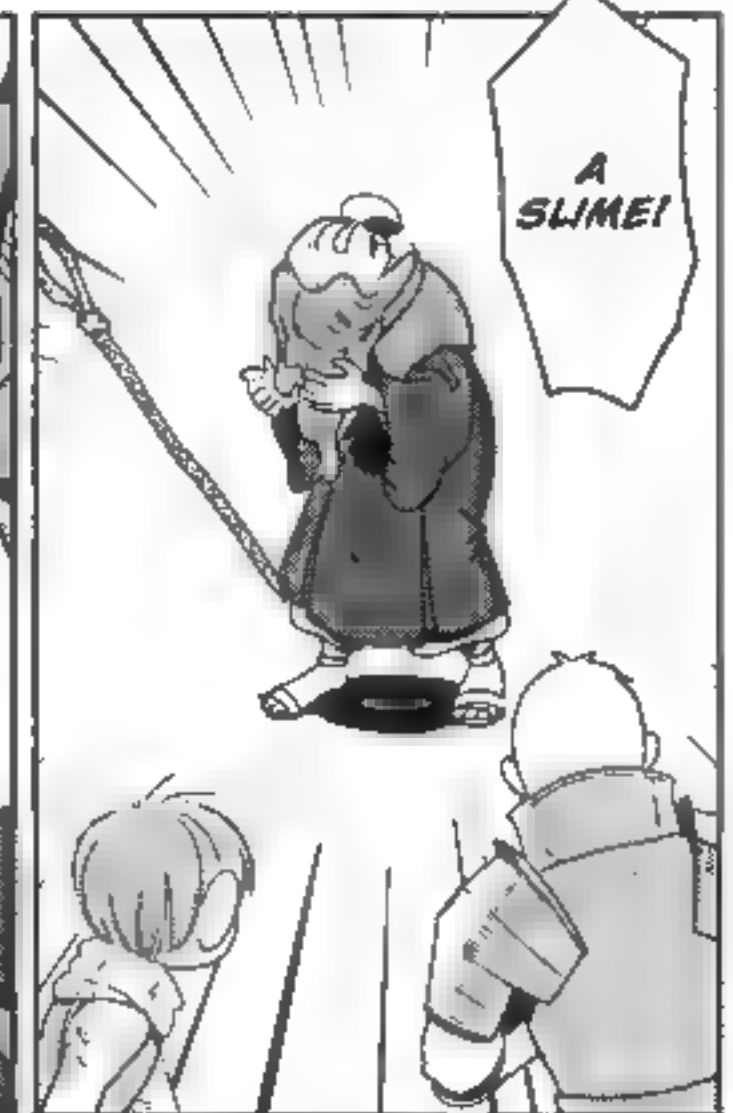
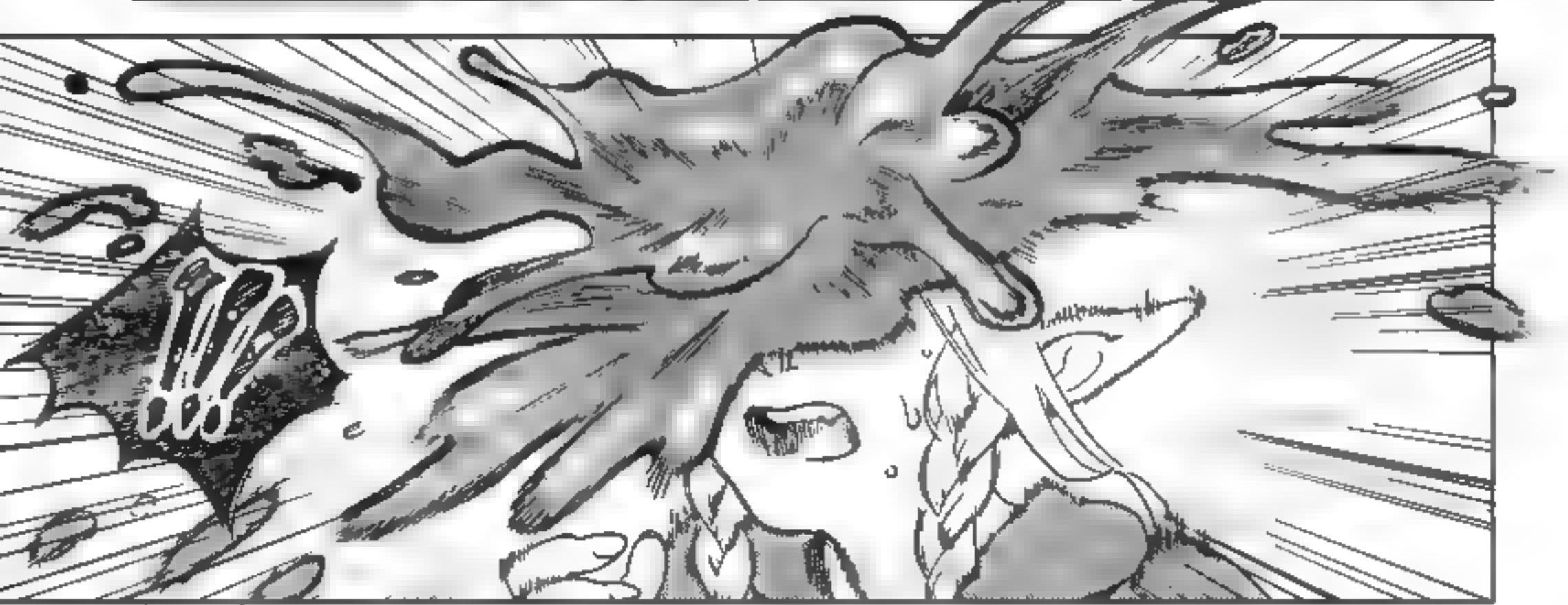


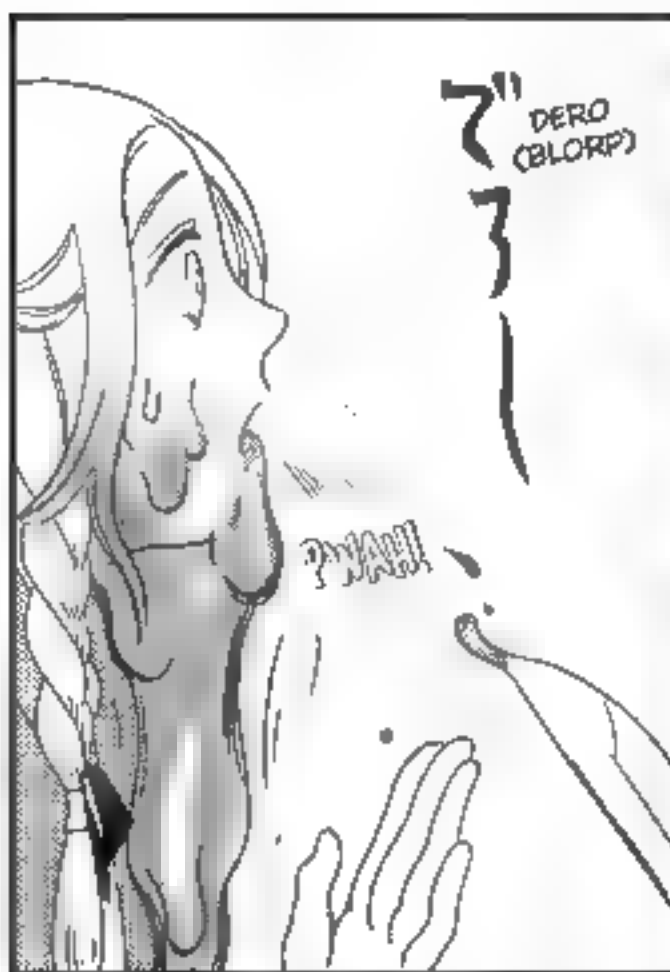




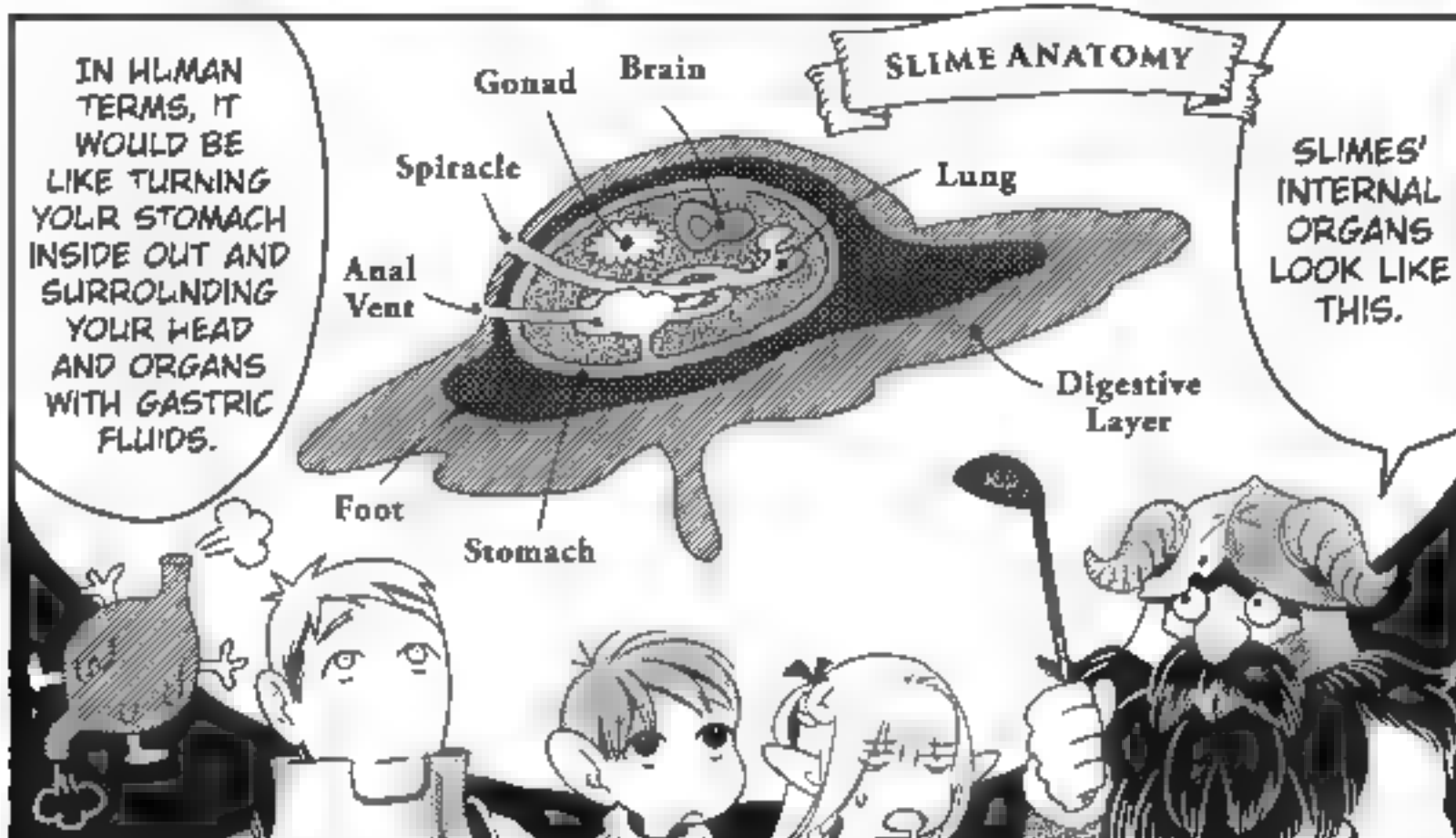


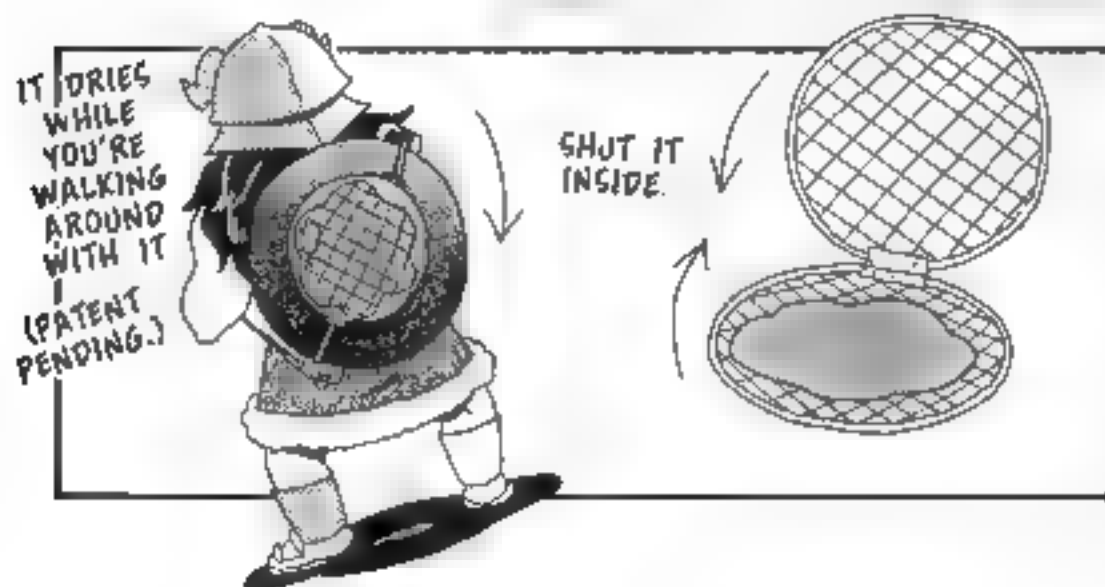
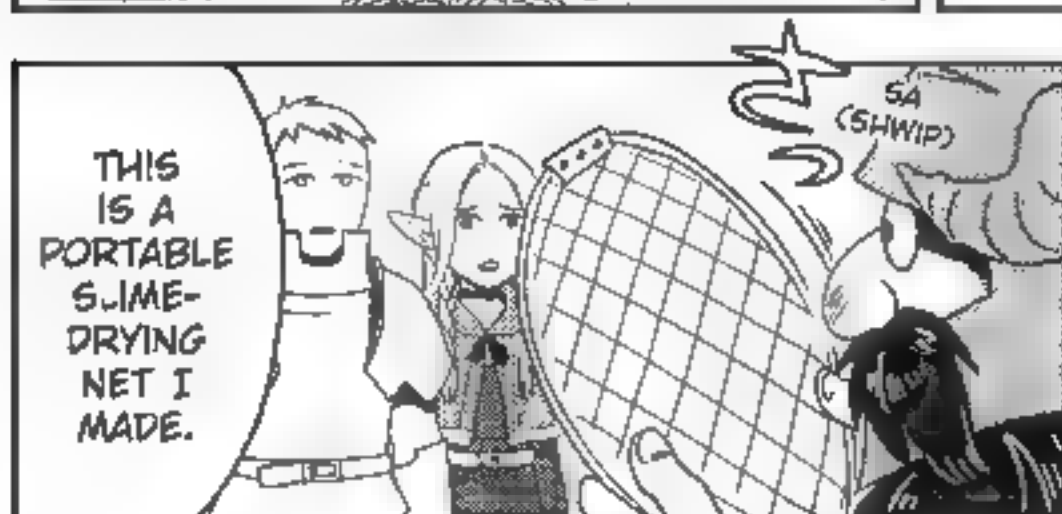


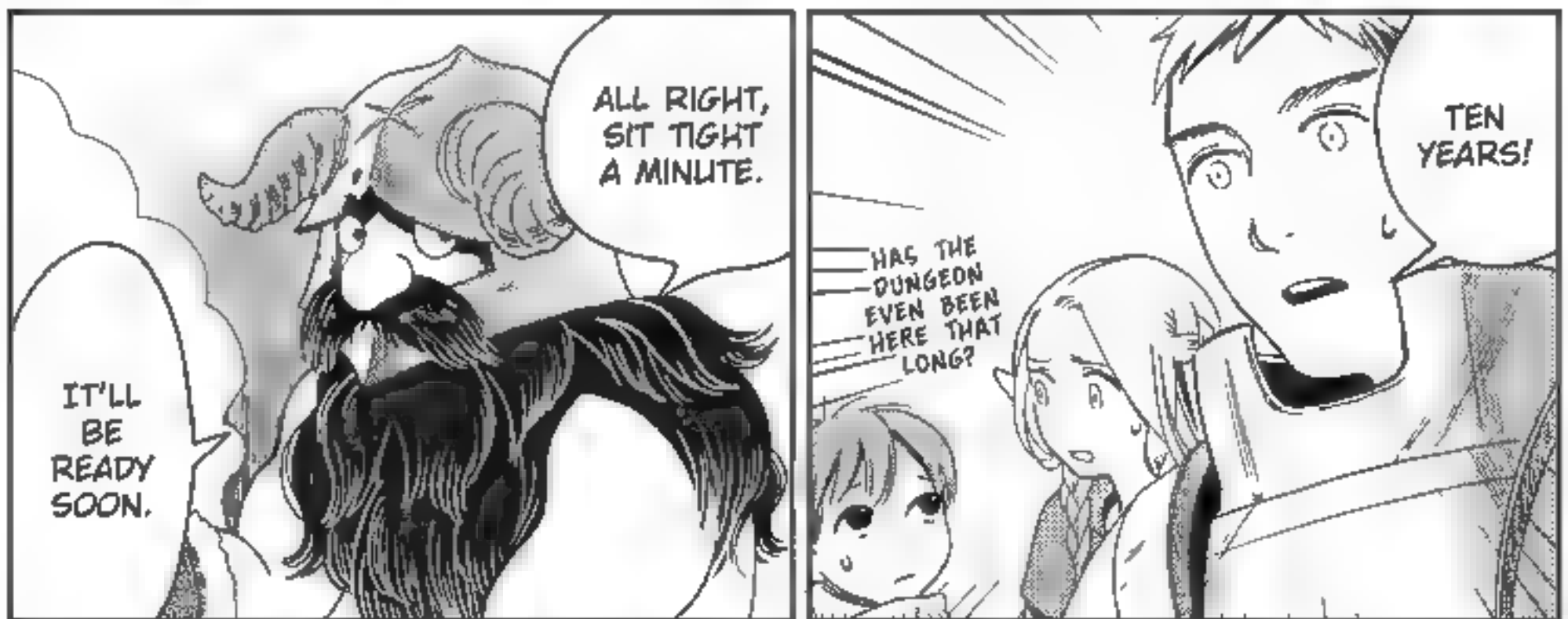


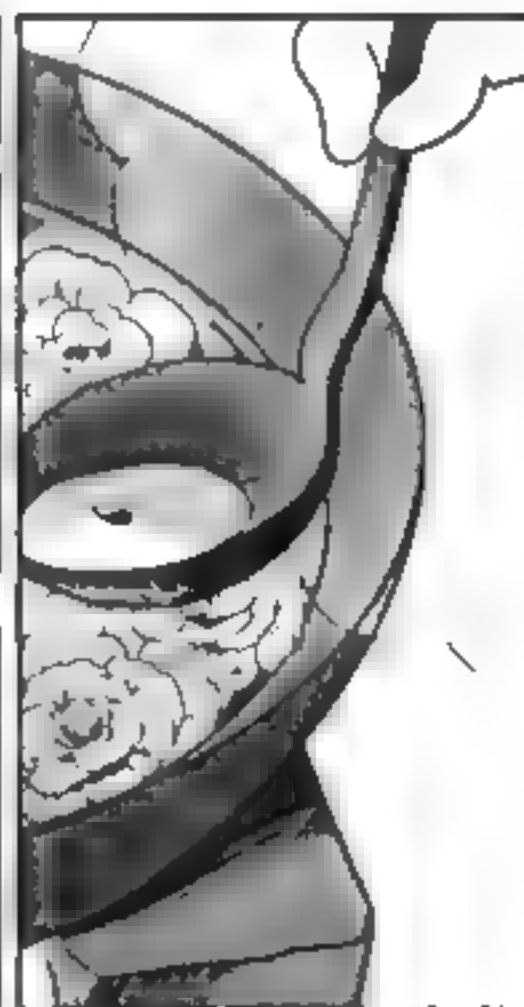
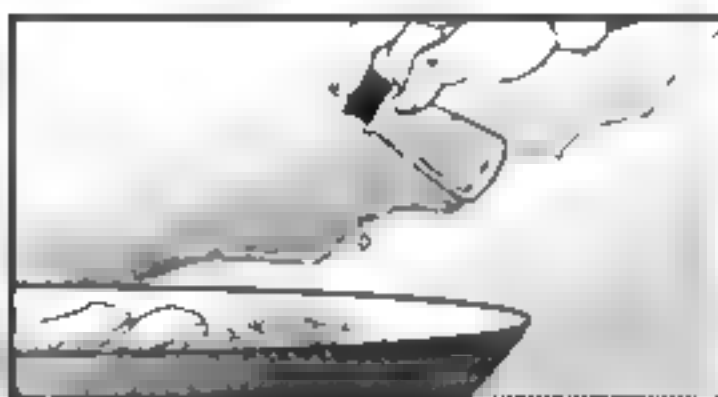


SFX: GOBOBO (BURBLE)







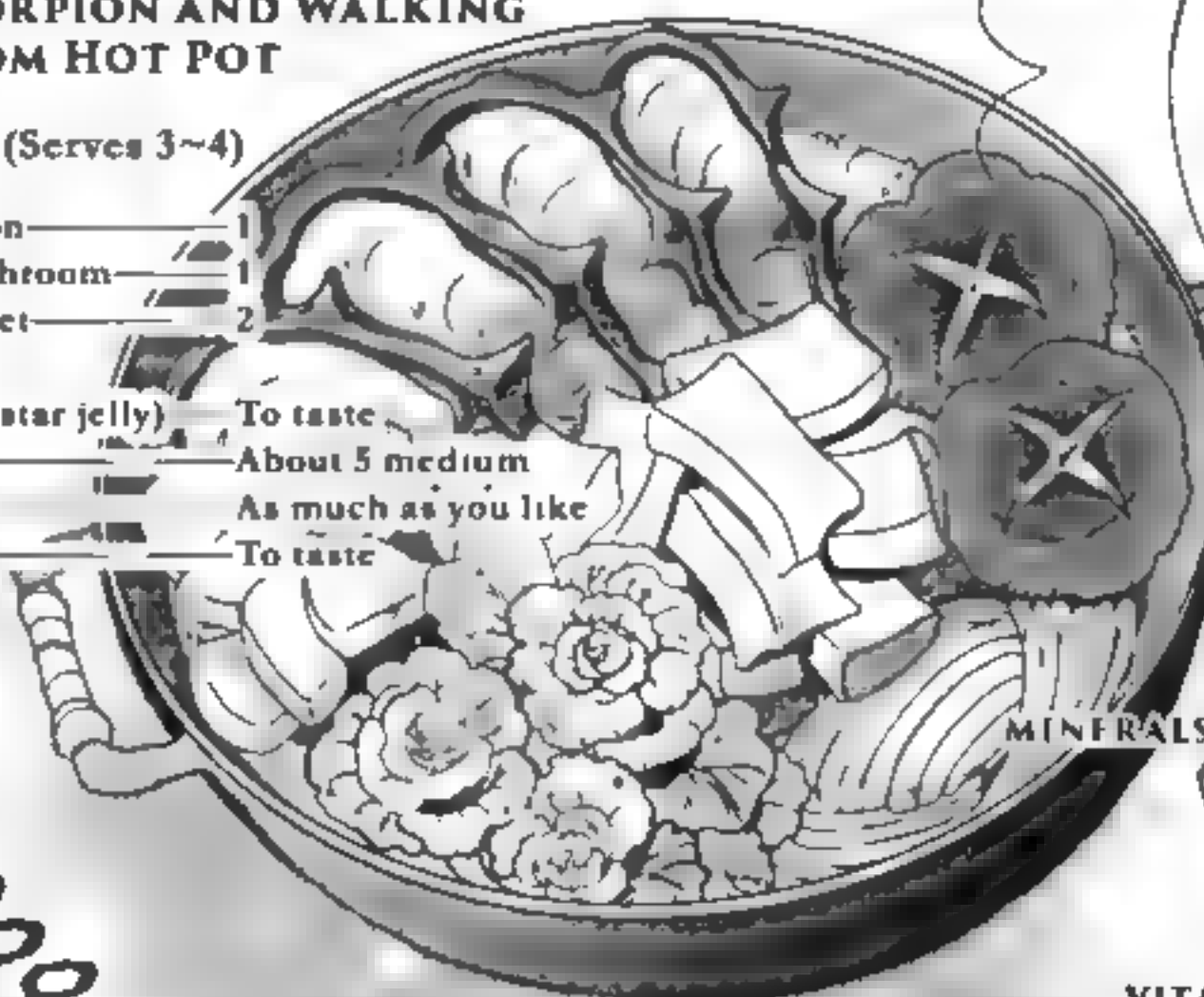


HUGE SCORPION AND WALKING MUSHROOM HOT POT

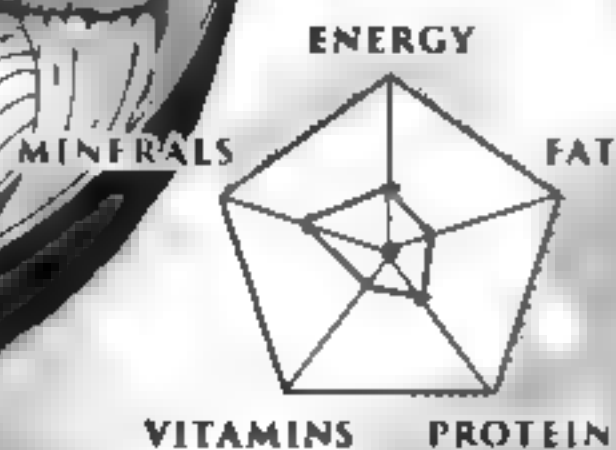
Ingredients (Serves 3~4)

Huge scorpion	1
Walking mushroom	1
Mushroom feet	2
Seaweed (arctic moss, star jelly)	To taste
Invertebrates	About 5 medium
Dried slime	As much as you like
Water	To taste

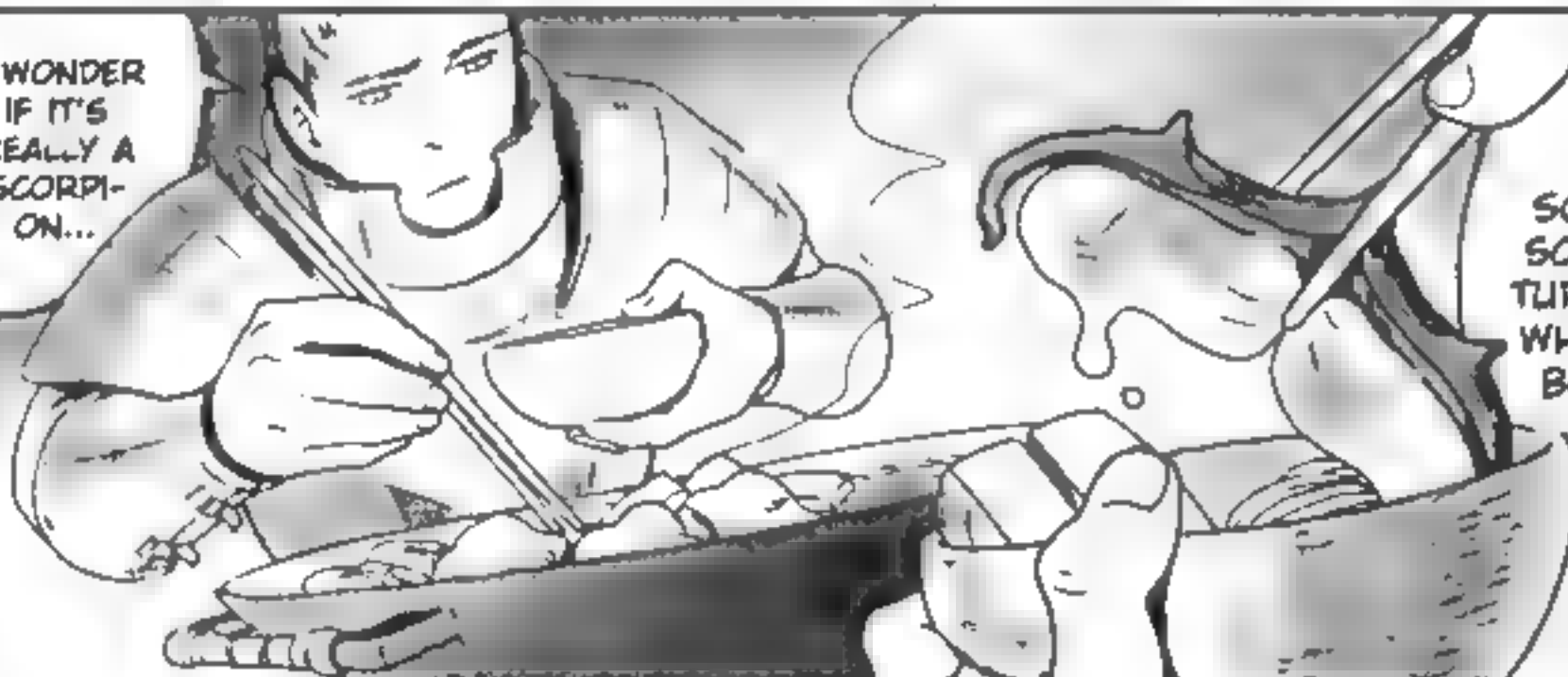
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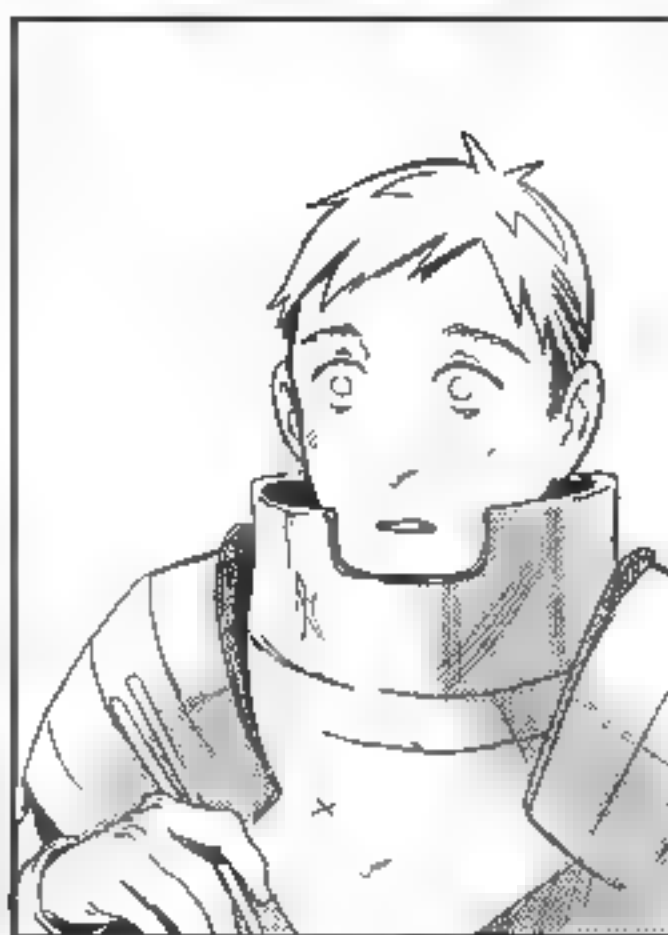
ALL DONE.

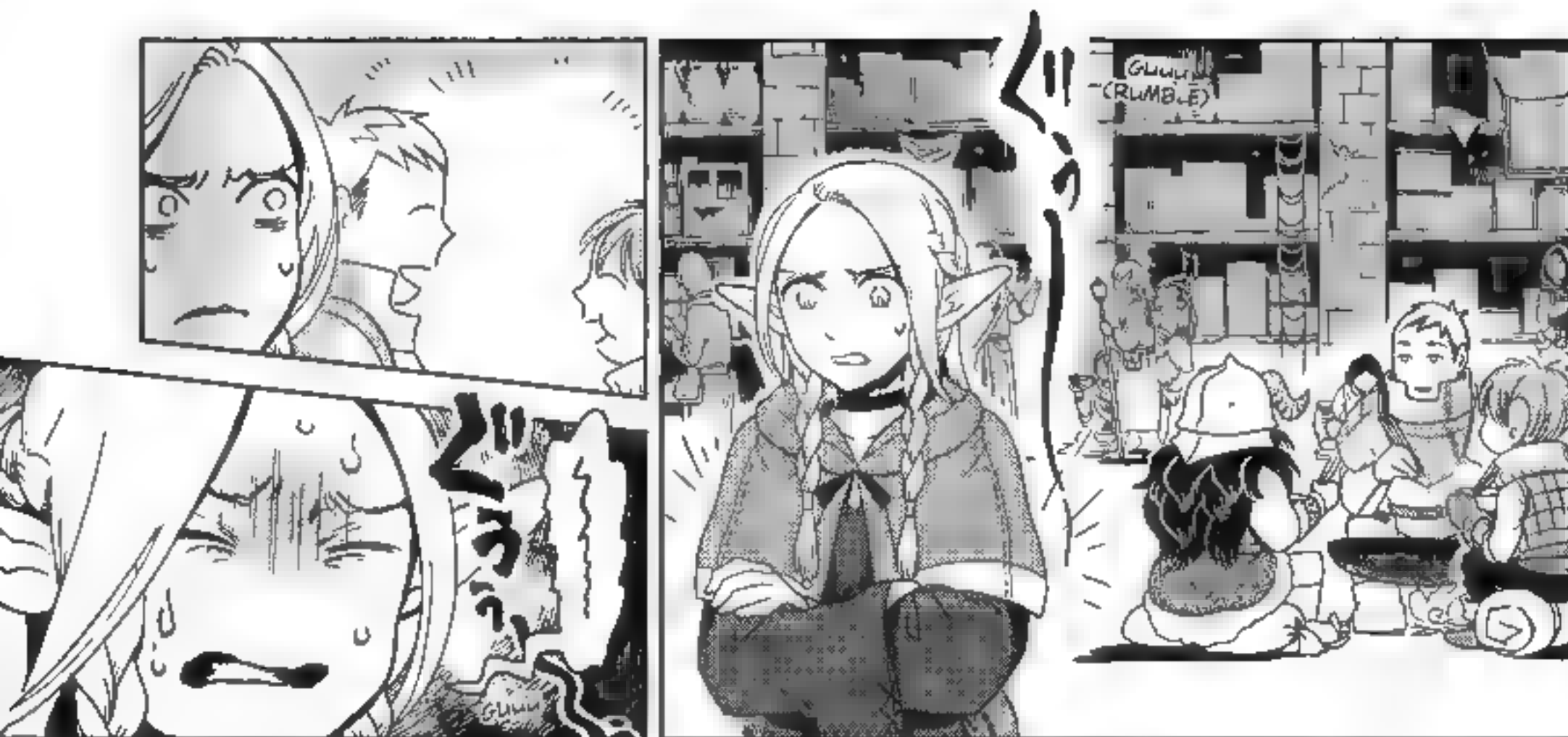


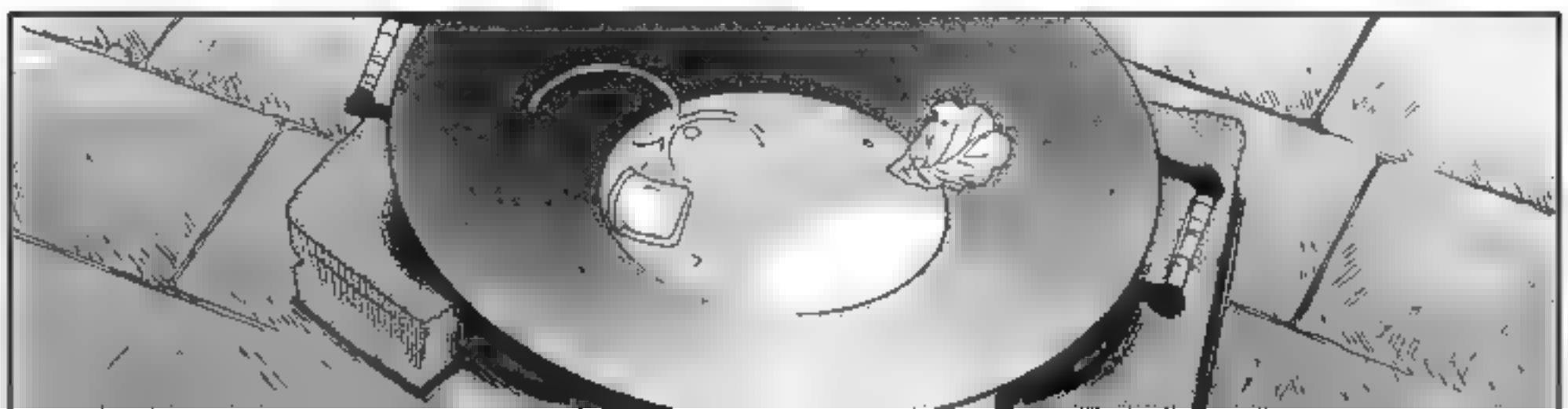
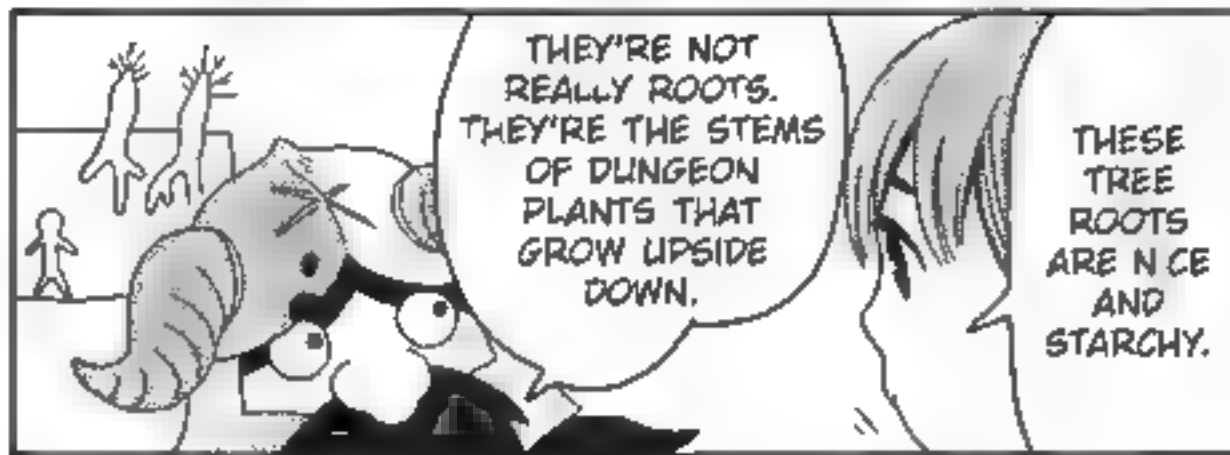
I WONDER
IF IT'S
REALLY A
SCORPI-
ON...

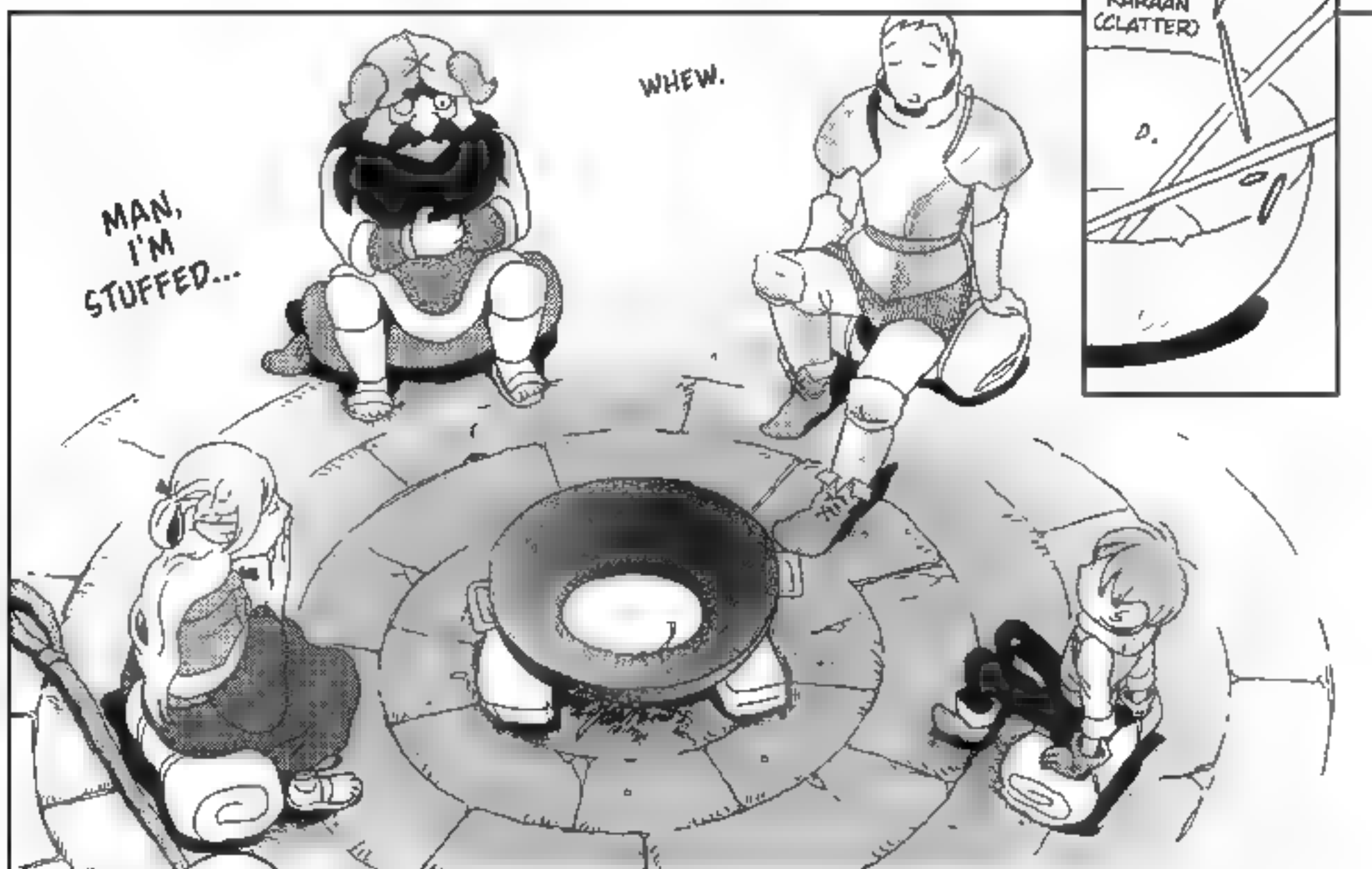


SO HUGE
SCORPION
TURNS RED
WHEN YOU
BOIL IT?



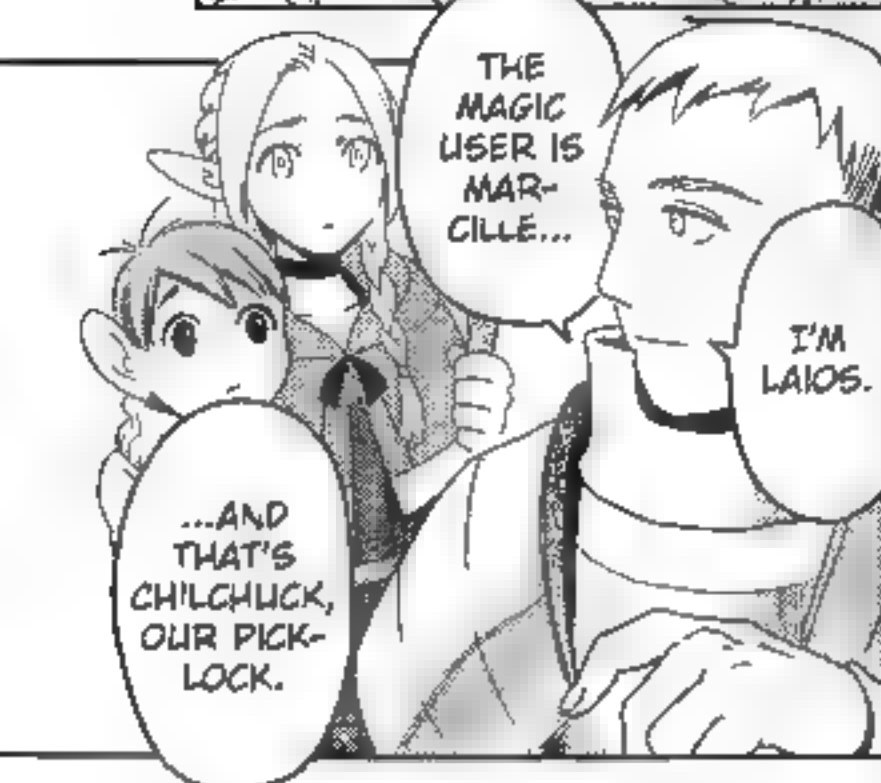






MAN,
I'M
STUFFED...

WHEW.



THE
MAGIC
USER IS
MAR-
CILLE...

I'M
LAIOS.

...AND
THAT'S
CHILCHUCK,
OUR PICK-
LOCK.



IT
MEANS
"SEEKER"
IN
DWARF-
SH.

MY
NAME'S
SENSHI.



BY THE
WAY...

...WE
SKIPPED
OUR IN-
TRODUC-
TIONS.



A DRAGON.
ONE WITH
BRIGHT-RED
SCALES.

WHAT
KIND
WAS
IT?

A
MONSTER!



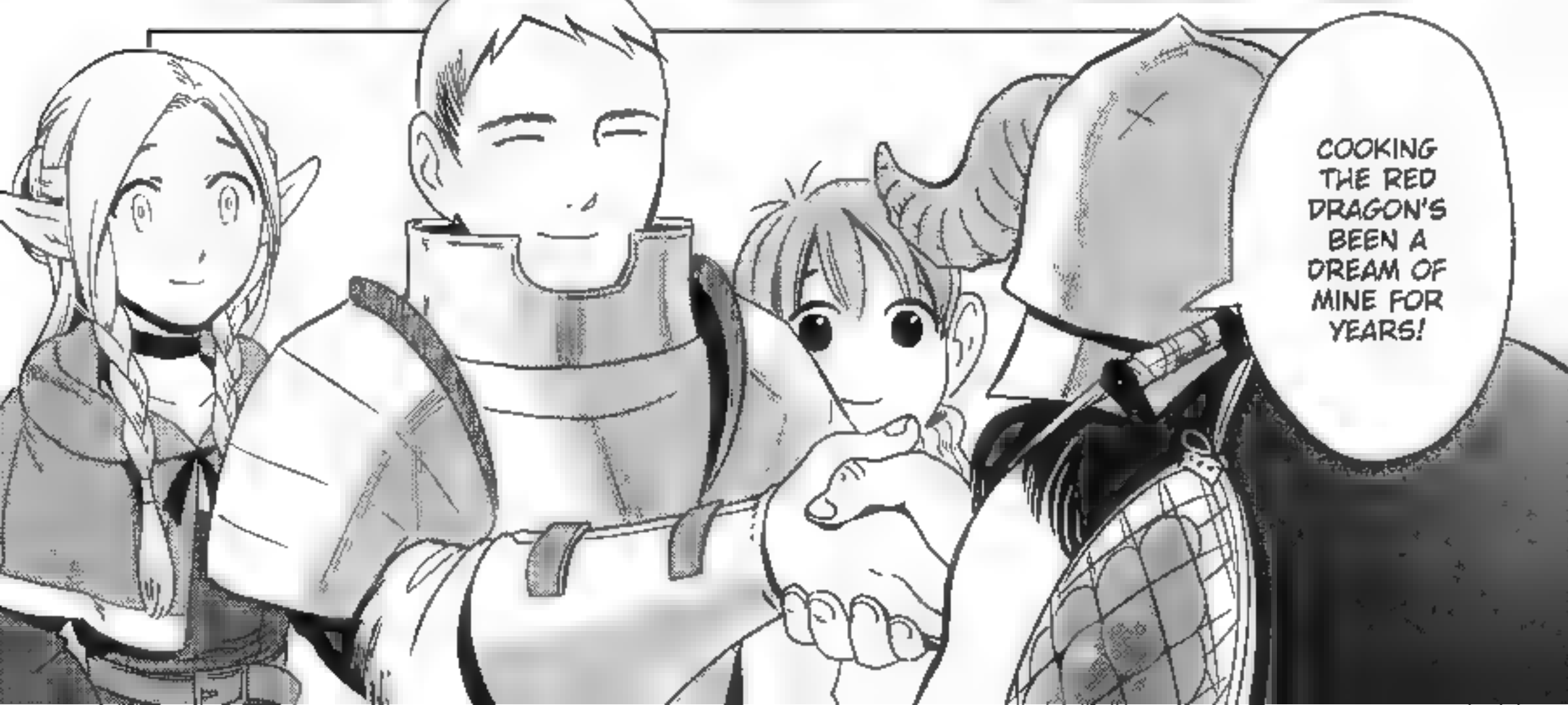
HM.
YES.

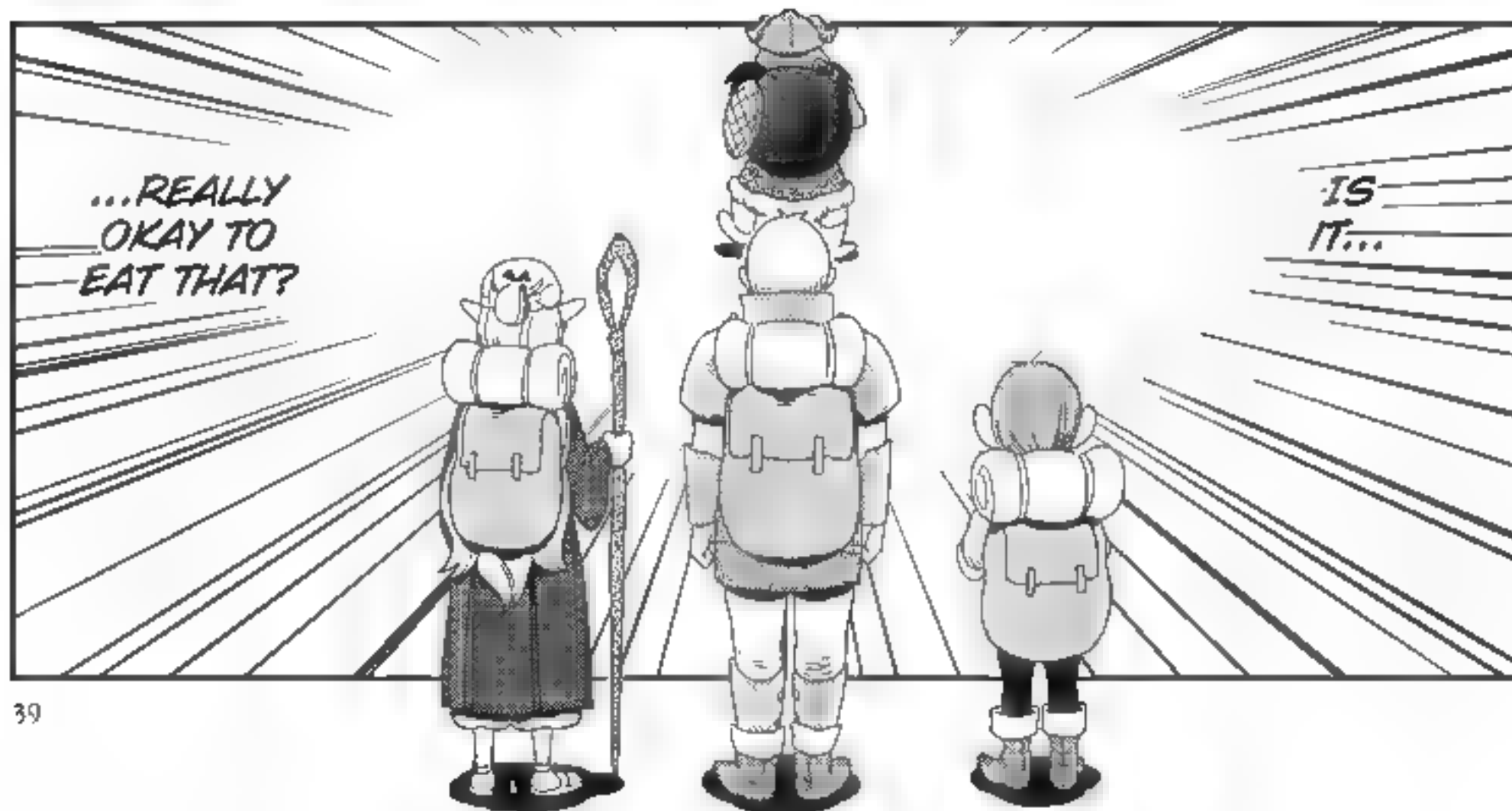
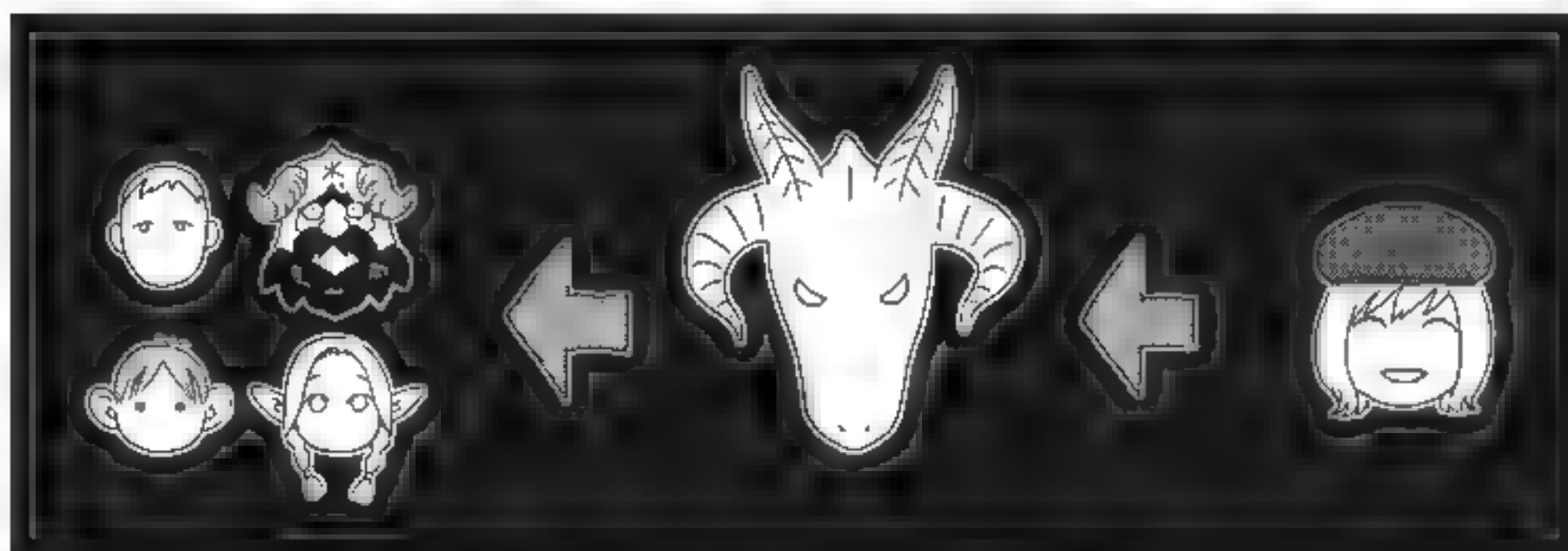
YOU SEEM
TO BE
JOURNEY-
ING FOR A
REASON...



WE
WANT
TO SAVE
HER
BEFORE
SHE'S DI-
GESTED.

A MONSTER
ATE ONE OF
OUR COM-
PANIONS IN
THE DEPTHS
OF THE
DUNGEON.







DUN-
GEON
FOOD.

AFTER
ALL...

THE
THOUGHT
DID
CROSS
OUR
MINDS...

...BUT
NOBODY
SAID
ANY-
THING.



EATING
IS, QUITE
SIMPLY,
THE
EXCLUSIVE
PRIVILEGE
OF THE
LIVING.

...IT'S
EAT
OR BE
EATEN.

THERE'S
NO HIER-
ARCHY
IN-
VOLVED.

DUN-
GEON
FOOD.

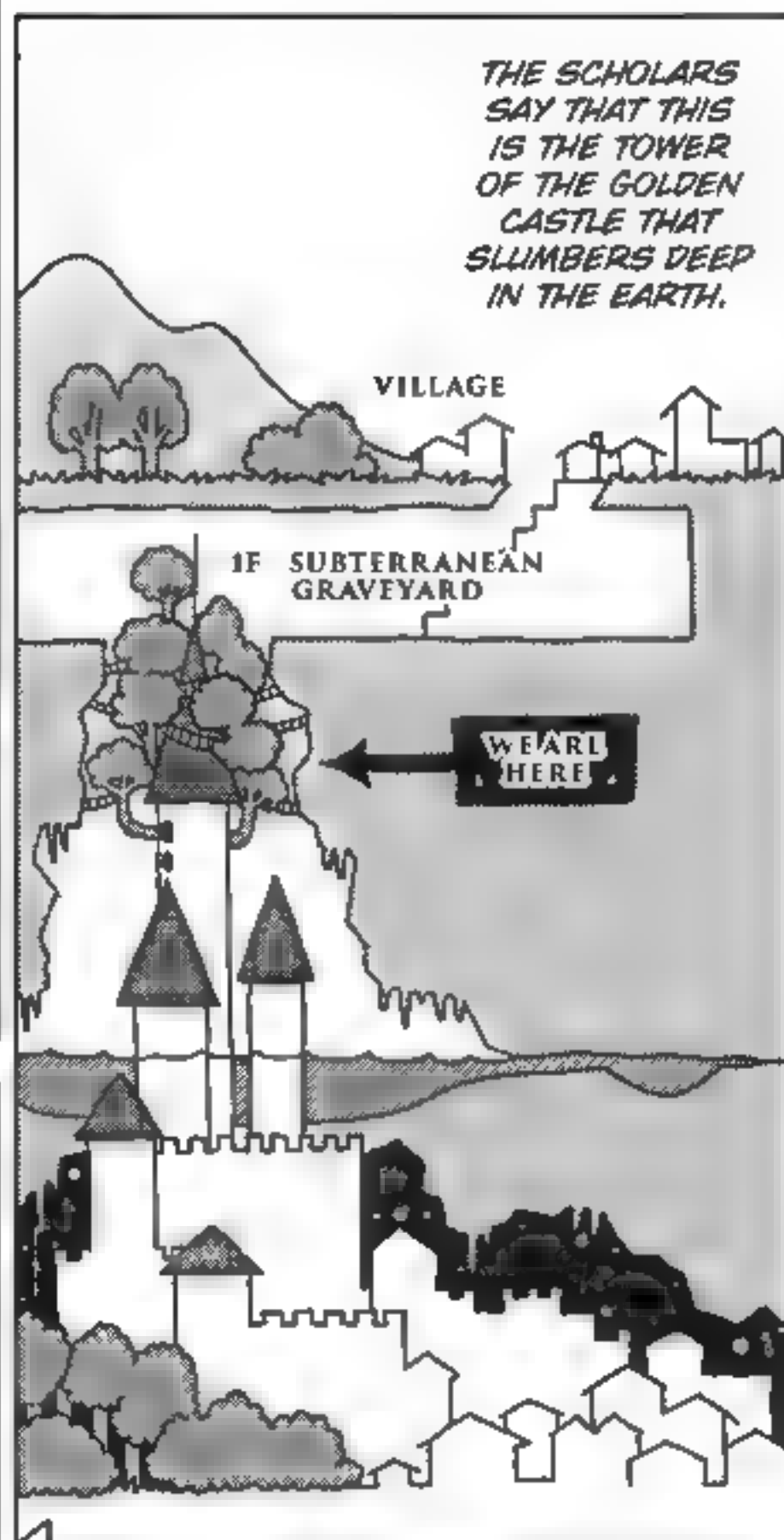
AH,
DUNGEON
FOOD.

CHAPTER 1: THE END

2. TART









LET'S
FIND A
CAMP-
SITE AND
REST
EARLY
TODAY.



YOU
MUST
BE
TIRED.

WE'VE
WALKED
A LONG
WAY.



SOUP...

GUR
GURGLE



HA
HA
HA!

AND
WE GOT
BURNED
TRYING
TO MAKE
PORK
SOUP.



WE SPENT
THE NIGHT
IN A HOLLOW
TREE AROUND
HERE A LONG
TIME AGO,
DIDN'T WE?

WE
SURE
DID.



AAAAH.

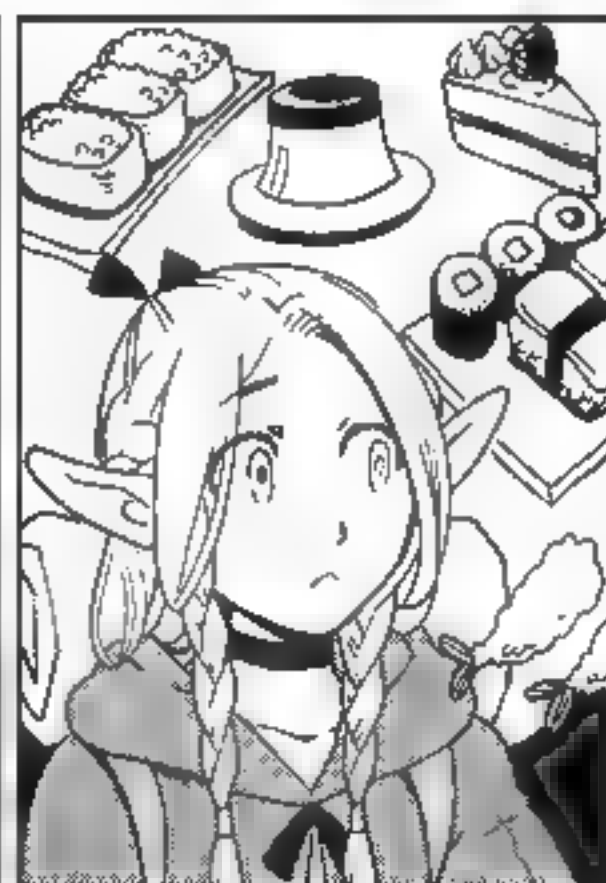
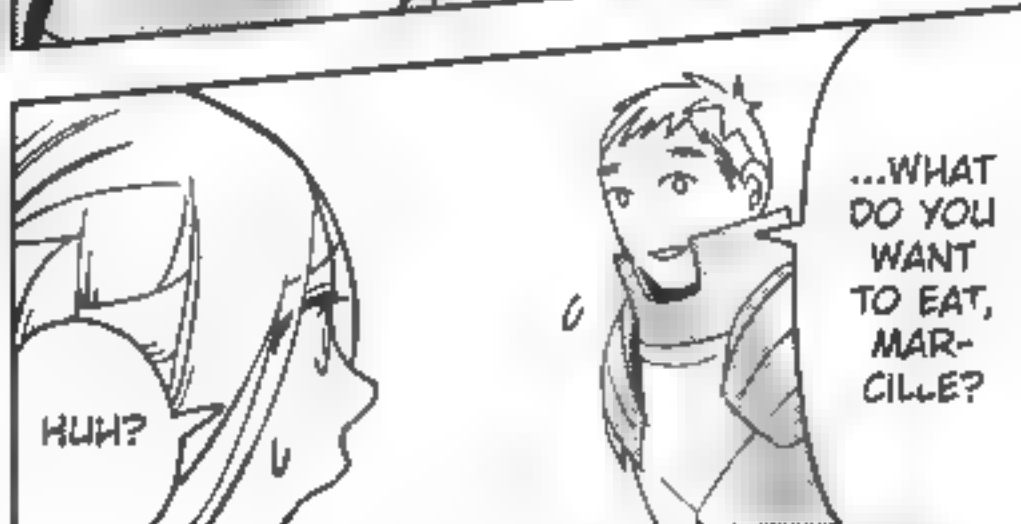
RIGHT.
LET'S HUNT
A MONSTER
THAT LOOKS
DINNER
WORTHY.

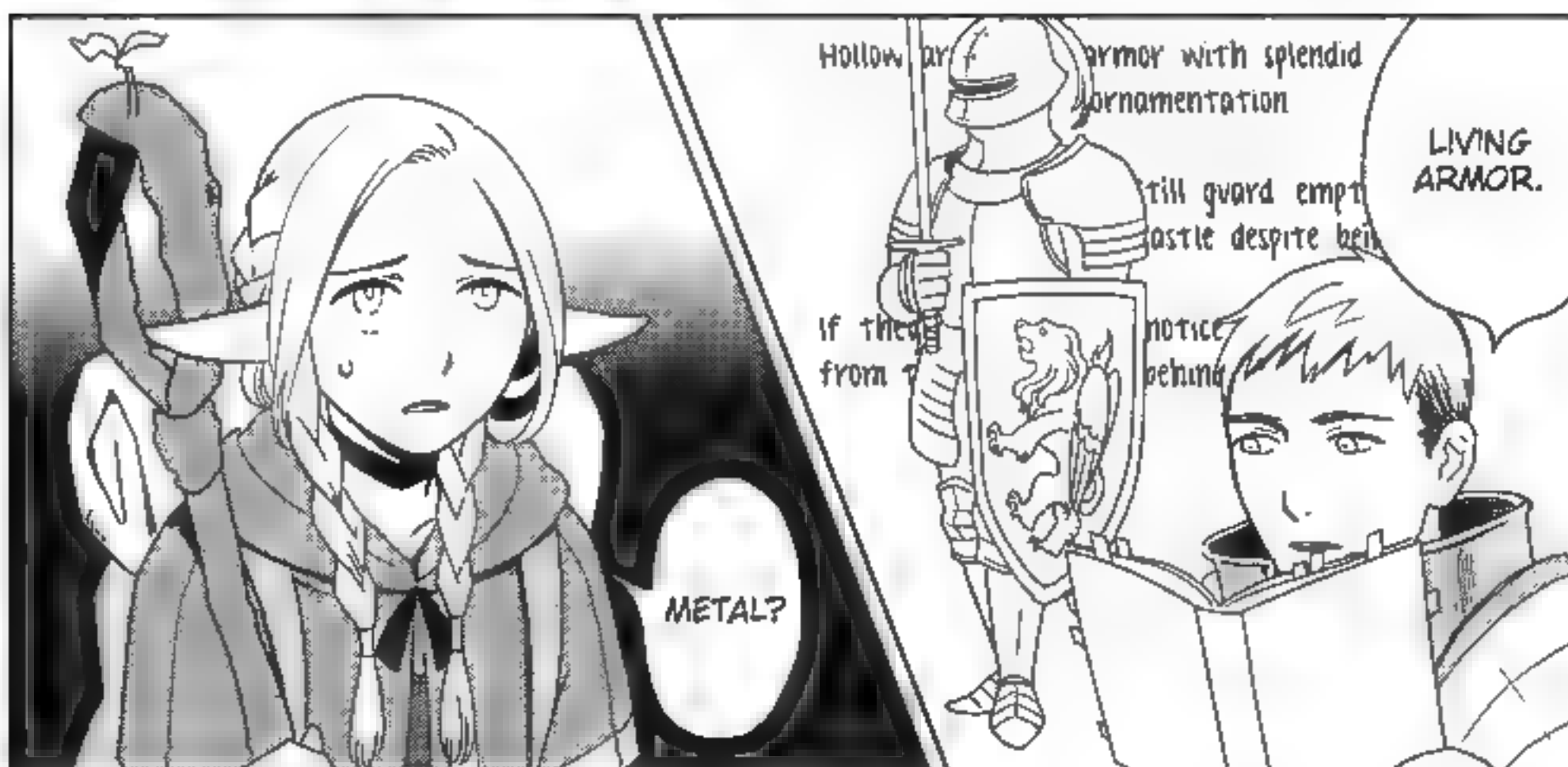
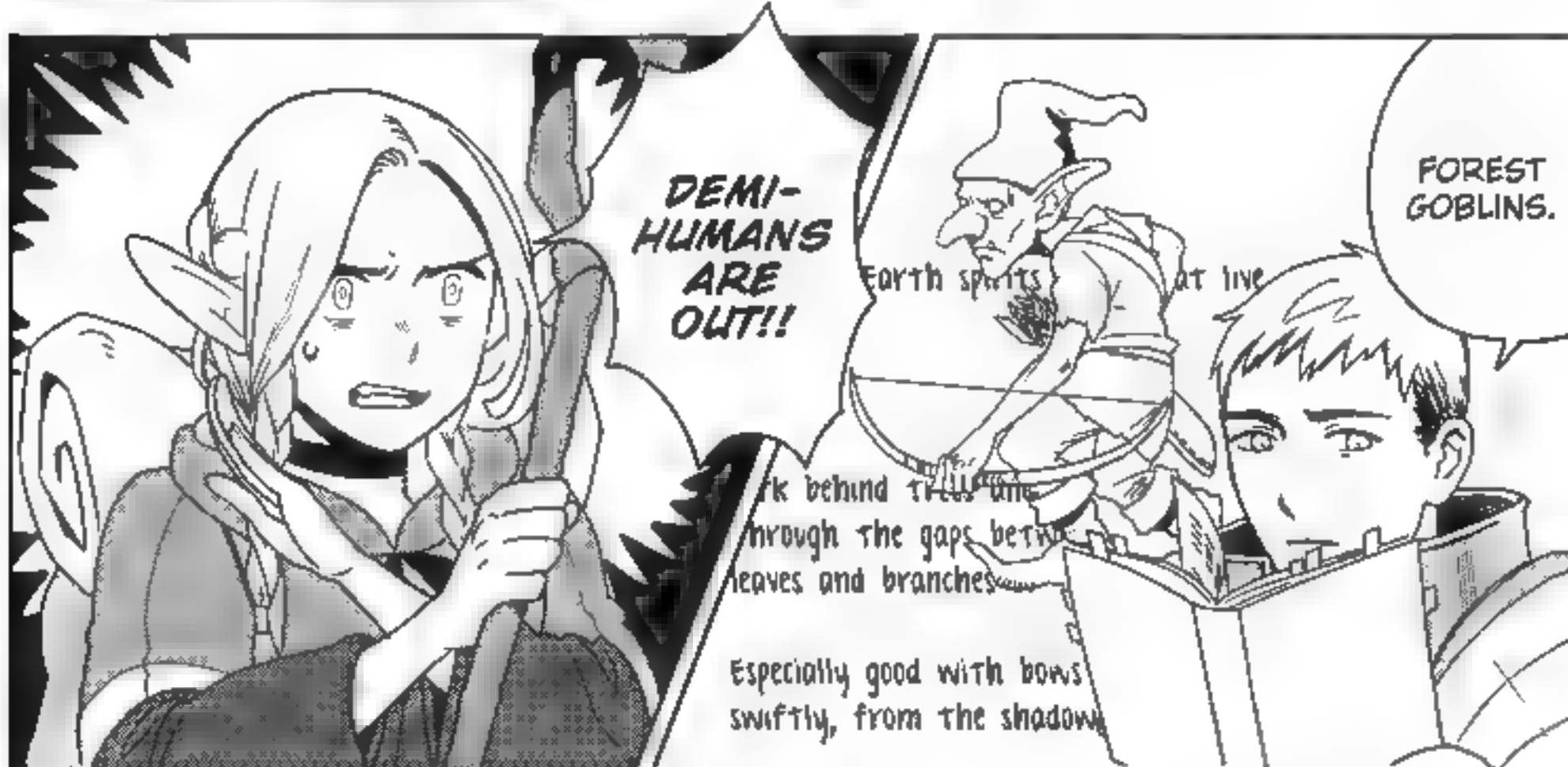


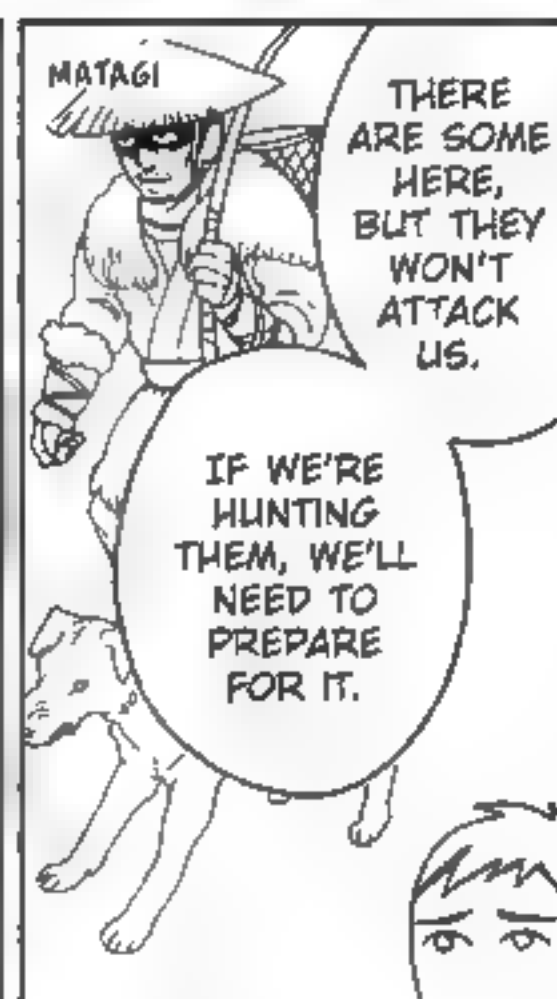
NO
THANKS.

I'VE GOT
SOME
LEFTOVER
SCORPION
BROTH
FROM
LUNCH.

HUNGRY?



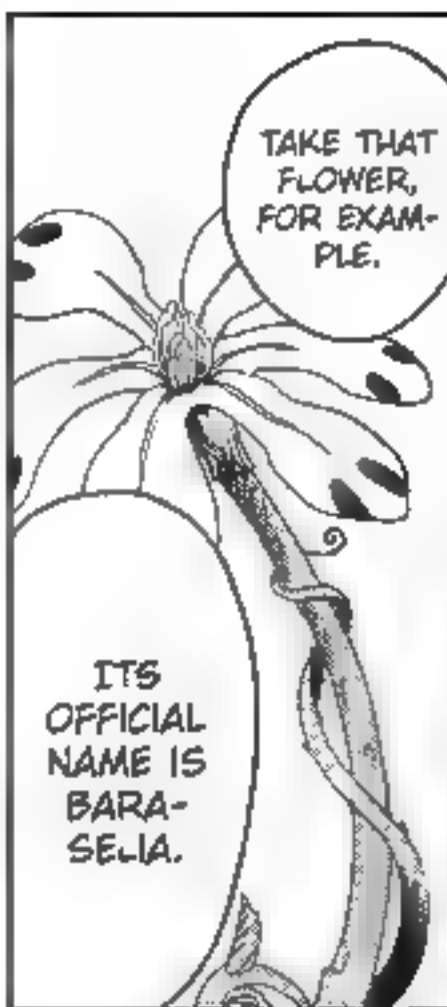






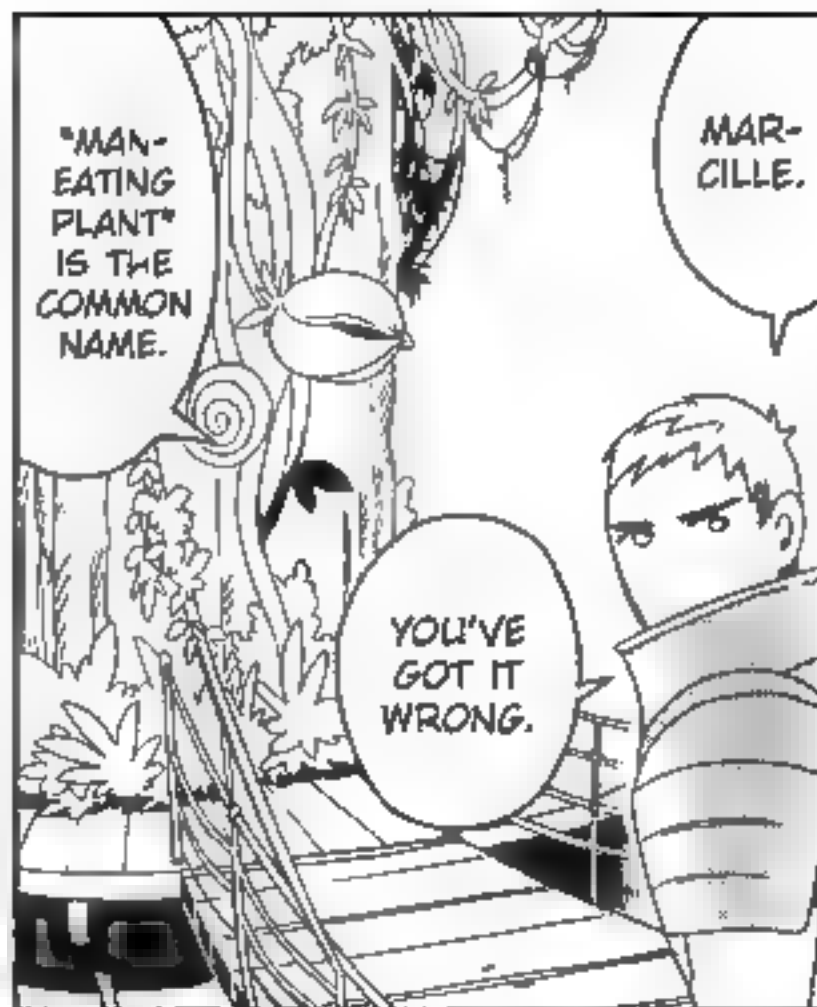


AS A RULE, IT GROWS WILD ALONG ANIMAL PATHS.



TAKE THAT FLOWER, FOR EXAMPLE.

ITS OFFICIAL NAME IS BARASELIA.



MAR-CILLE.

"MAN-EATING PLANT" IS THE COMMON NAME.

YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG.



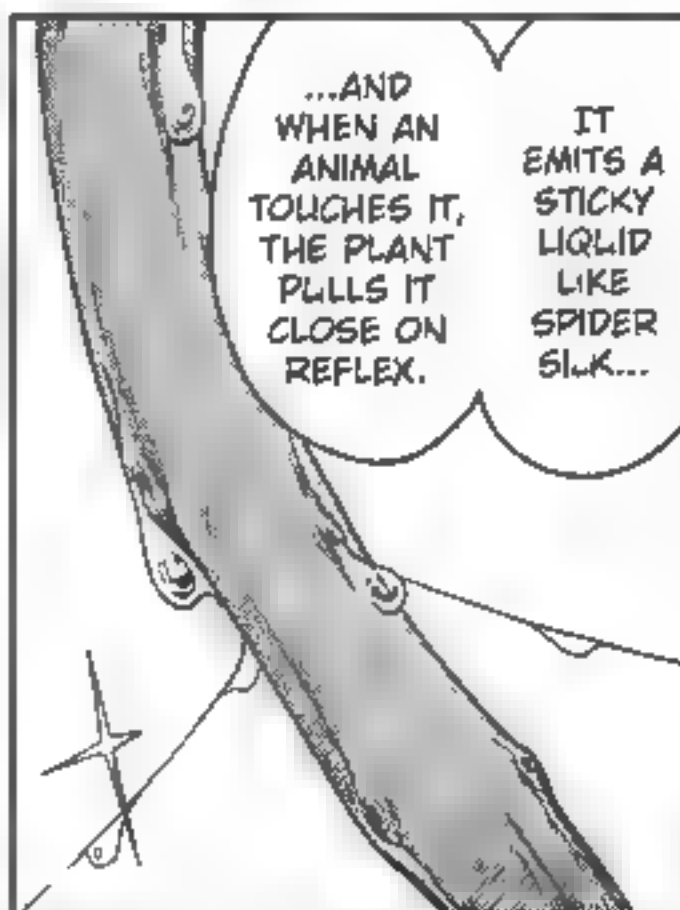
IT DOESN'T EAT THEM EITHER.

IT DOESN'T SPECIFICALLY TARGET PEOPLE.



IT'S A PLANT THAT MAKES ITS OWN COMPOST.

IT WRAPS AROUND THINGS THAT MOVE, BUT IT CAN'T DIGEST THEM.



...AND WHEN AN ANIMAL TOUCHES IT, THE PLANT PULLS IT CLOSE ON REFLEX.

IT EMITS A STICKY LIQUID LIKE SPIDER SILK...



AND I'M NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT THAT CYCLE...

IF YOU GO BACK FAR ENOUGH, THE VEGETABLES YOU USUALLY EAT ARE MADE OF ANIMAL POOP AND CORPSES TOO.



NOT THAT WE'RE UNDER A CHERRY TREE, BUT...

BUT THEY DO USE PEOPLE FOR NUTRIENTS SOMETIMES.



THEY'LL HAVE CHECKED NEAR THE ROOTS OF MAN-EATING PLANTS FIRST THING.

*IT'S MANDATORY TO PAY 10% TO 20% OF WHAT YOU HAVE TO YOUR FINDER

LOTS OF PEOPLE MAKE A LIVING BY RECOVERING AND REVIVING CORPSES TOO.



IF CORPSES LIE AROUND HERE, PEOPLE NOTICE THEM FAST.

WE'RE STILL JUST TWO FLOORS UNDERGROUND.

DON'T WORRY.



THAT YELLOW THING ON THE OTHER SIDE ISN'T RIPE YET.

ONE AT THE ROOT THERE.

I SEE.

TWO OVER THERE.



IT'S DIFFERENT IN THE DEPTHS, BUT NOBODY BECOMES MONSTER CHOW LP HERE.

YOU THINK?



OUT OF THE WAY!

BA (FWP)

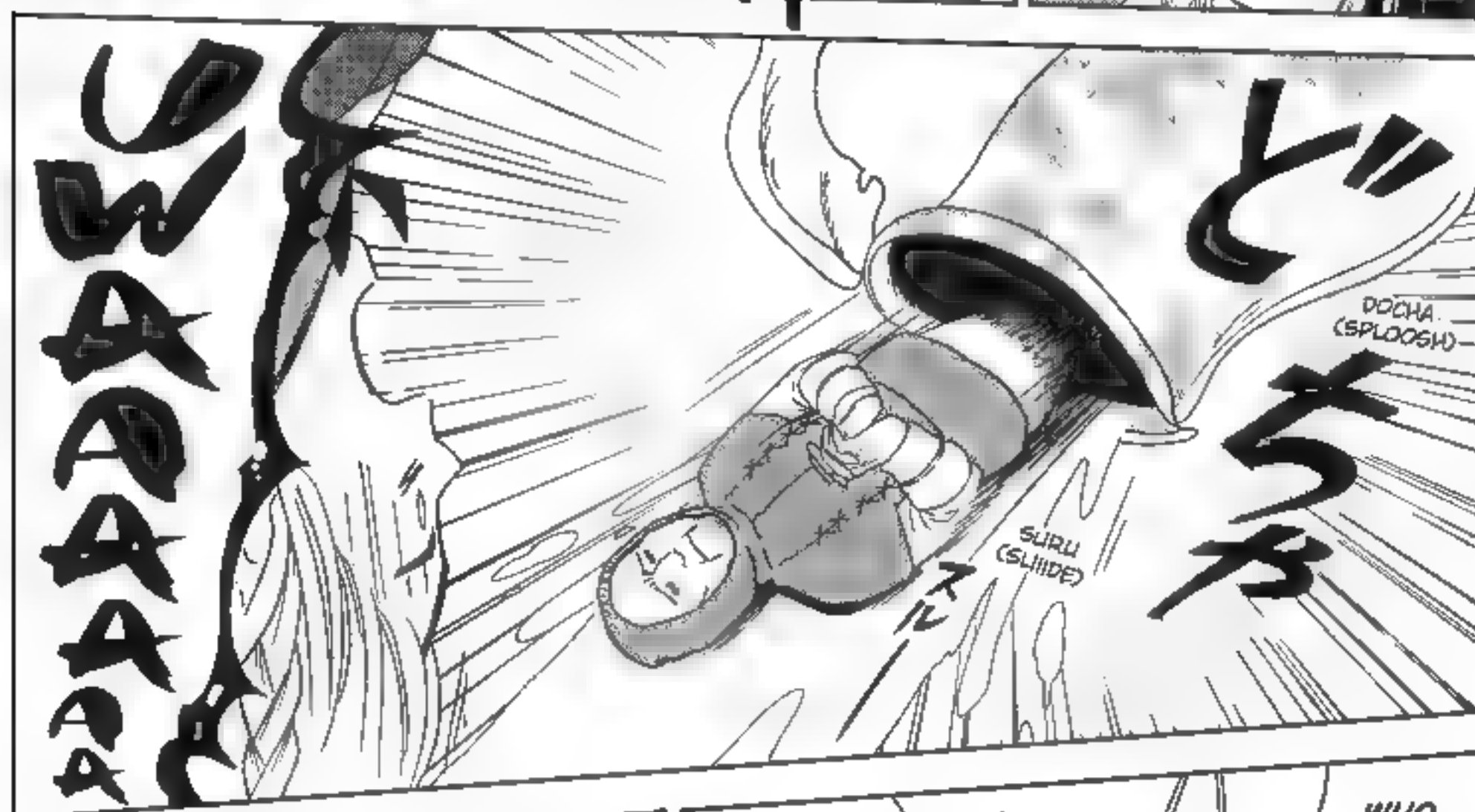


PICKING THEM DISCREETLY WOULD BE HIGH IMPOSSIBLE.

YEP, WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT.









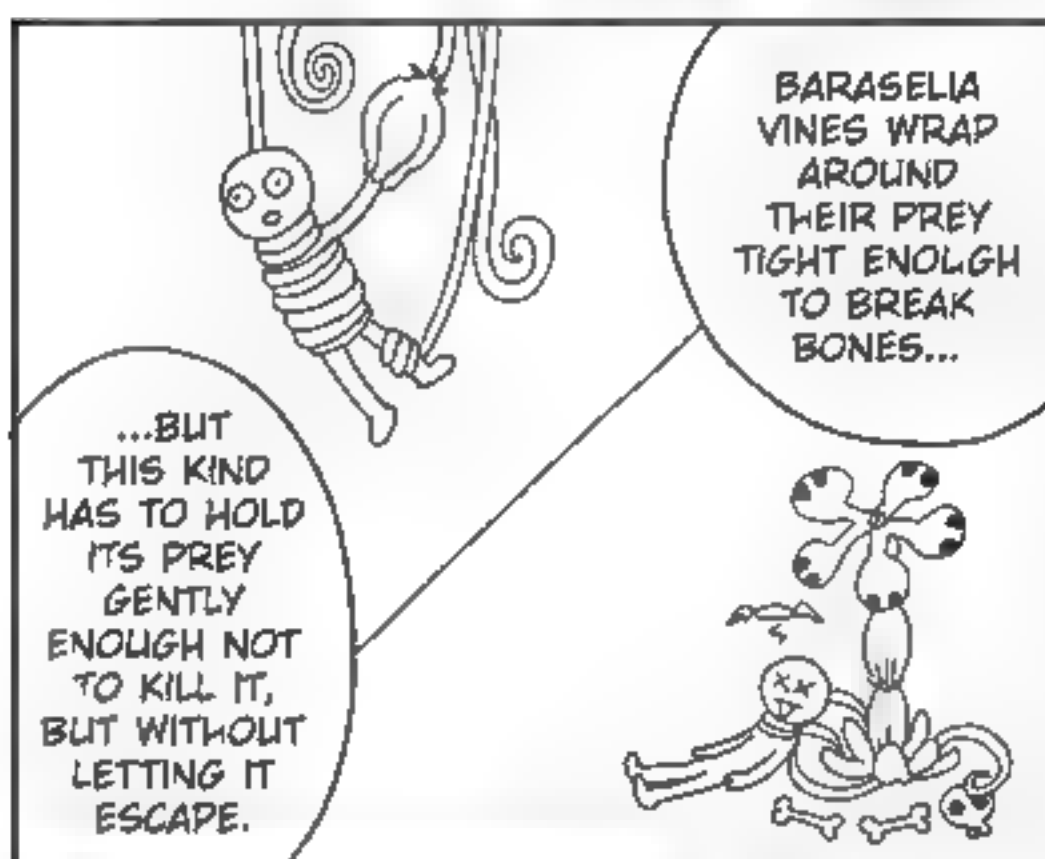
THE
ROOT!

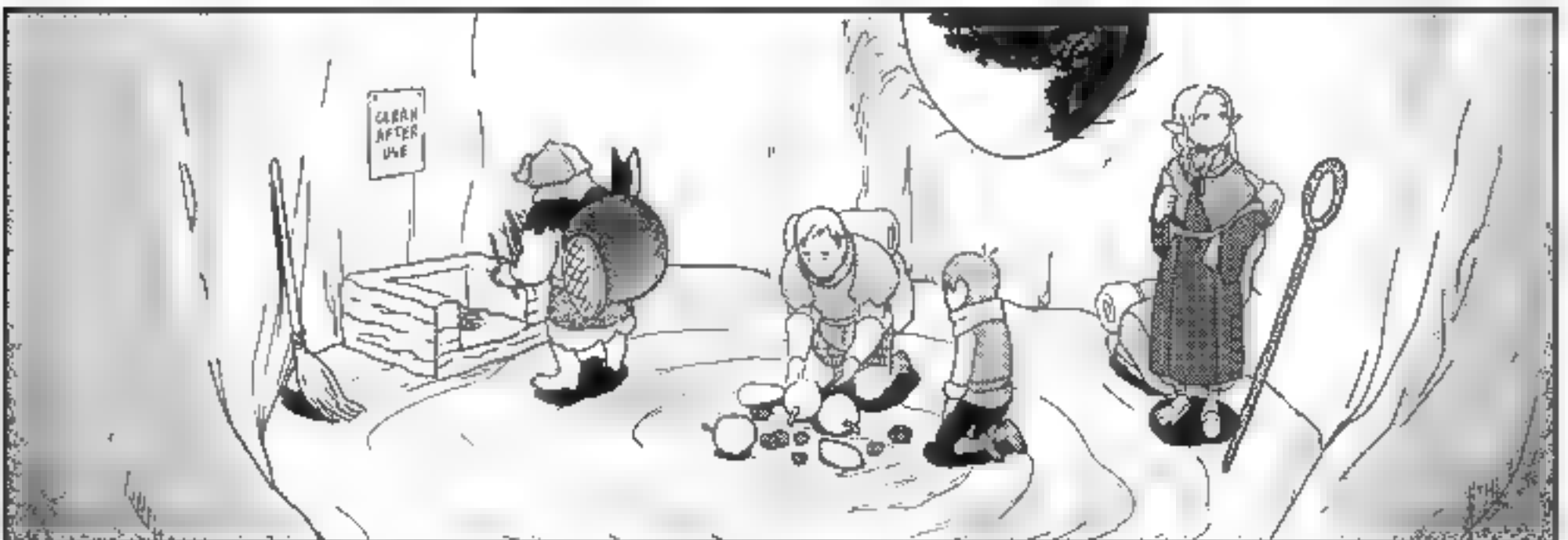
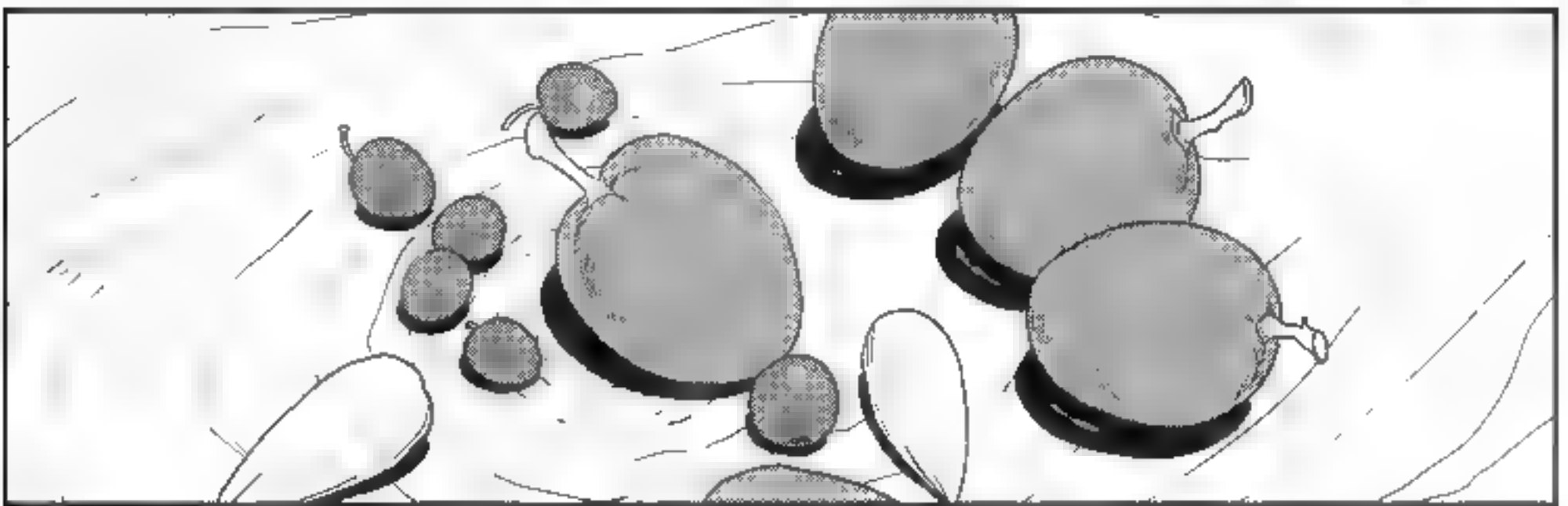
PLANT
MON-
STERS
HAVE
MANY
ARMS.

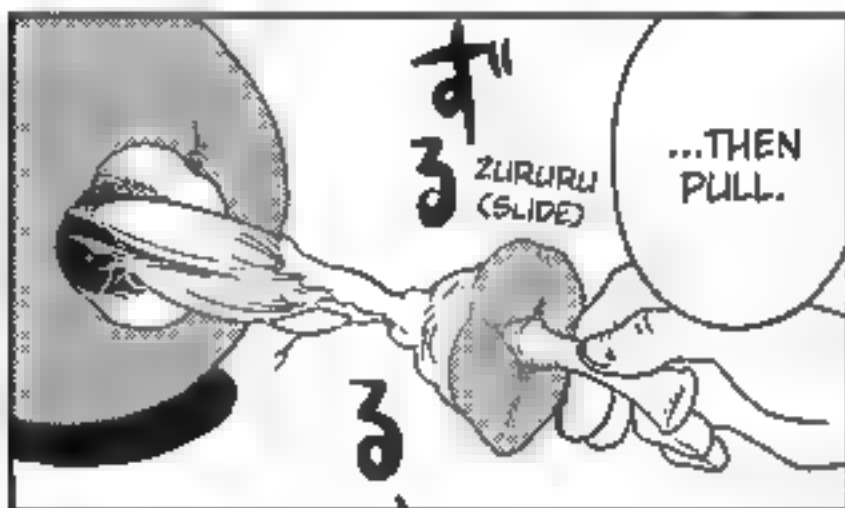
IF I FIGHT
EACH OF THEM
SEPARATELY,
WE'LL BE HERE
ALL DAY.

THERE'S
JUST ONE
PLACE TO
CUT THEM.

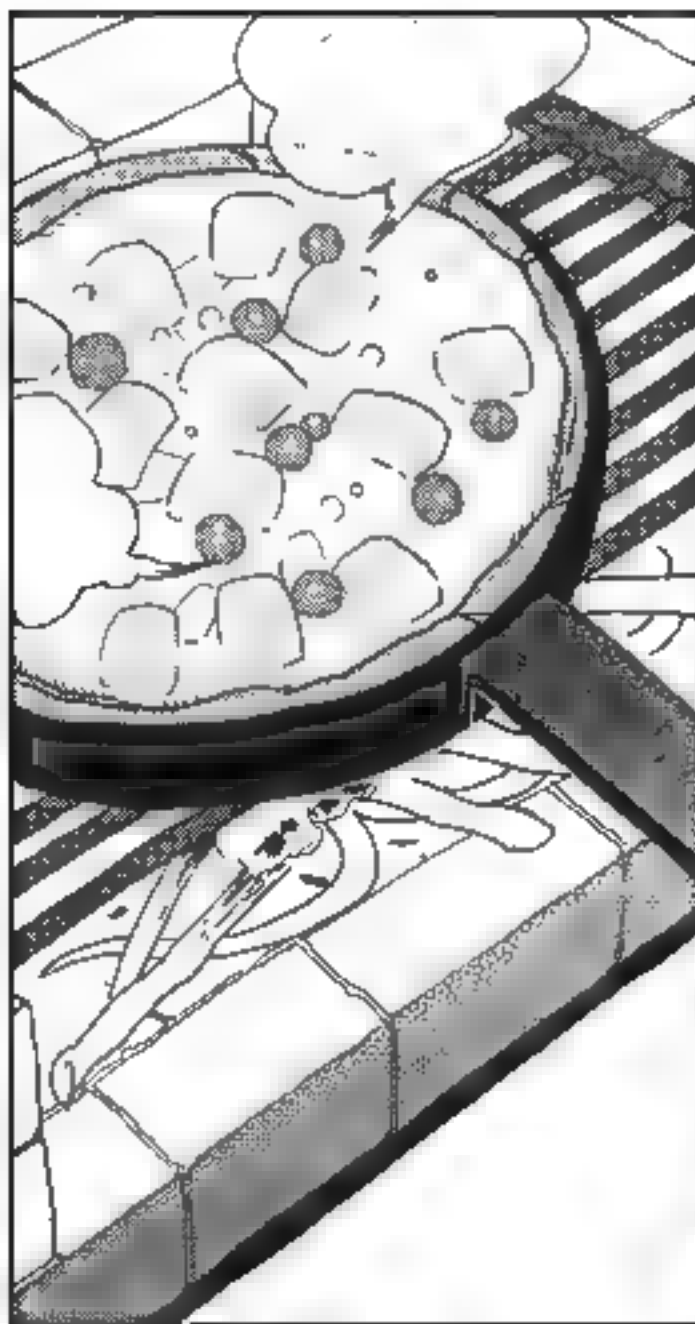
DON'T MOVE
AROUND
TOO MUCH,
MARCILLE.







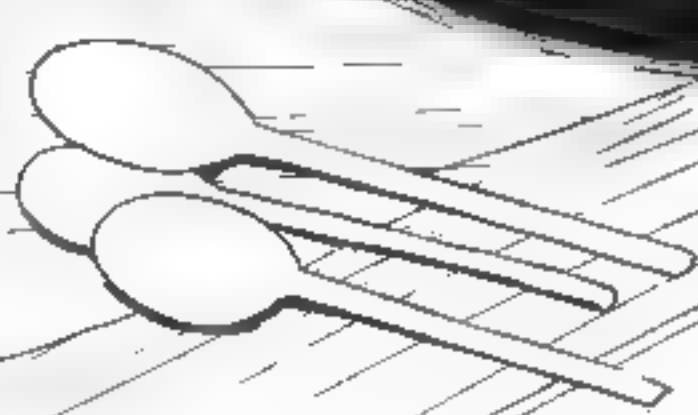
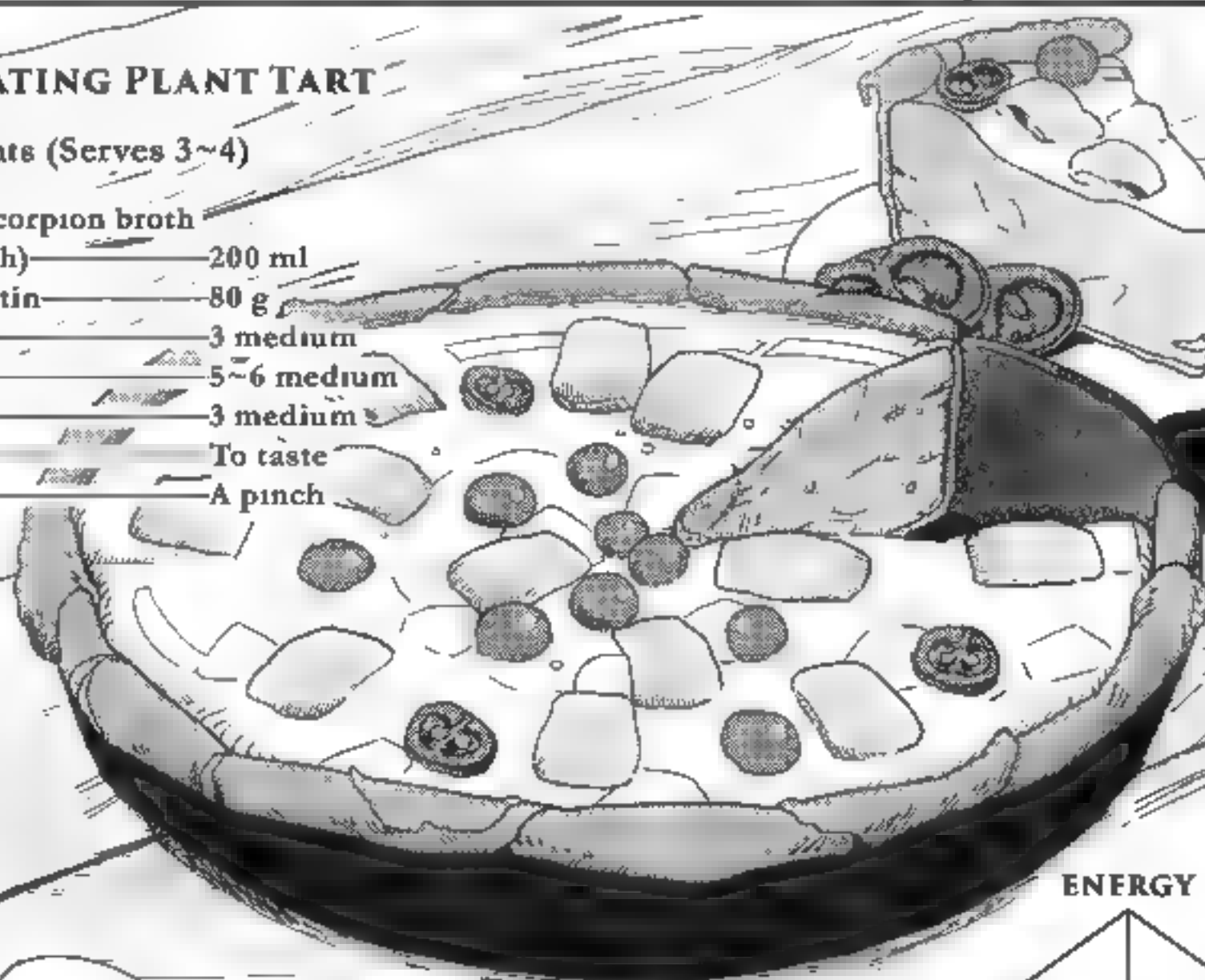




MAN-EATING PLANT TART

Ingredients (Serves 3~4)

Leftover scorpion broth	
(from lunch)	200 ml
Slime gelatin	80 g
Baraselia	3 medium
Meeroak	5~6 medium
Betan	3 medium
Salt	To taste
Pepper	A pinch



ENERGY

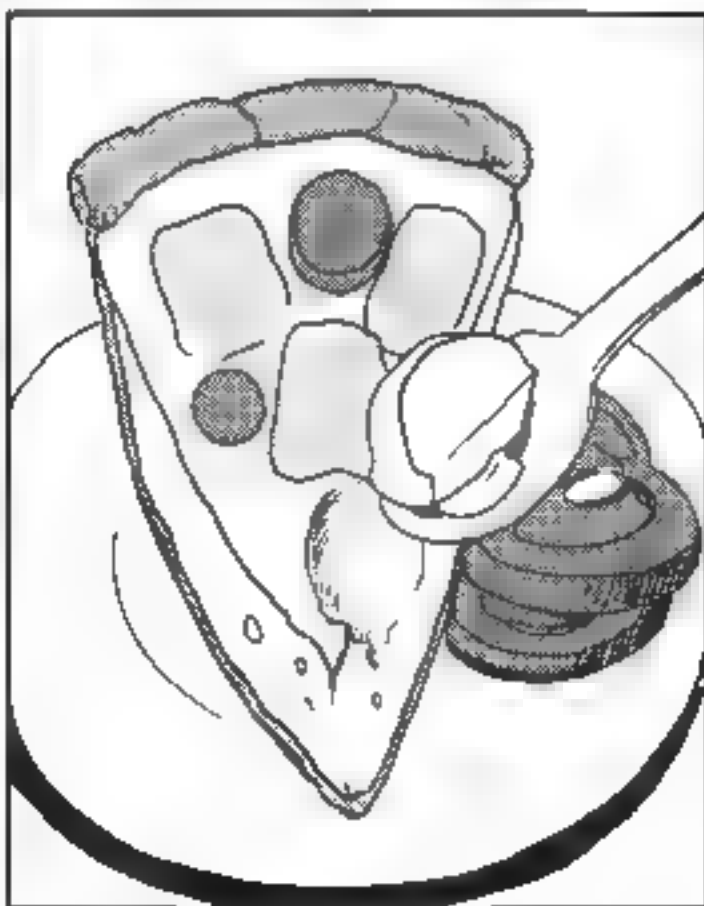
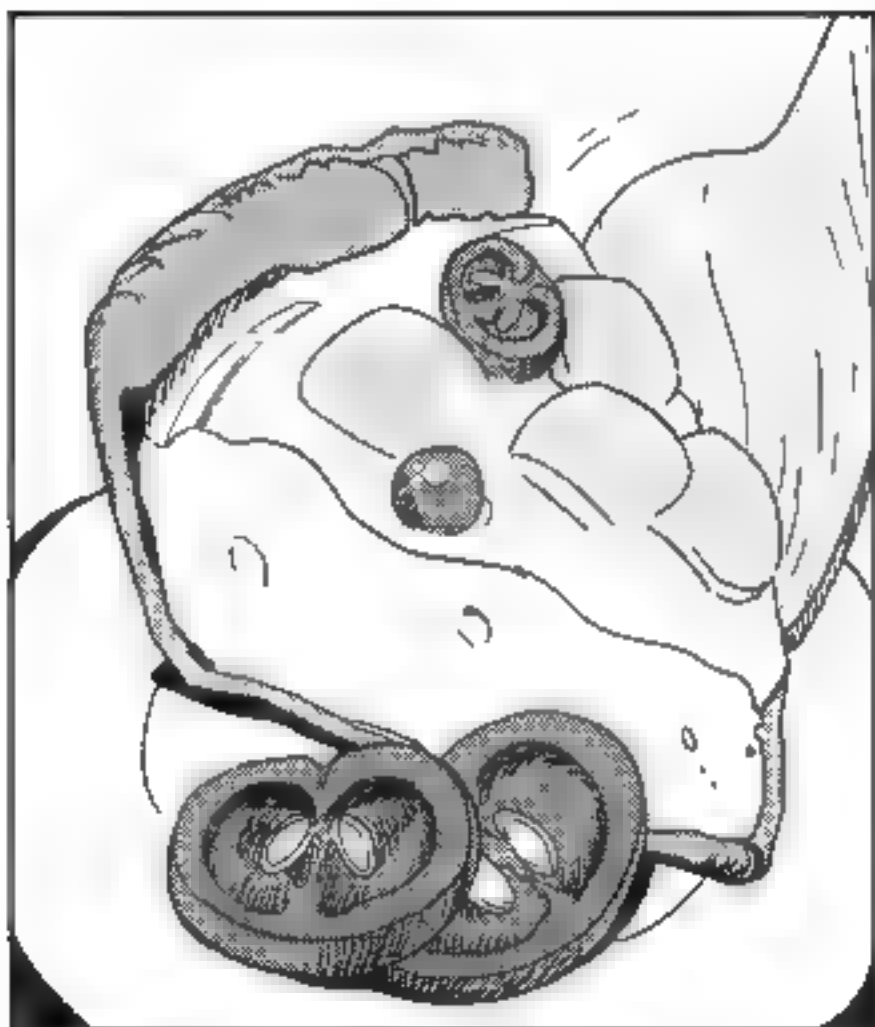
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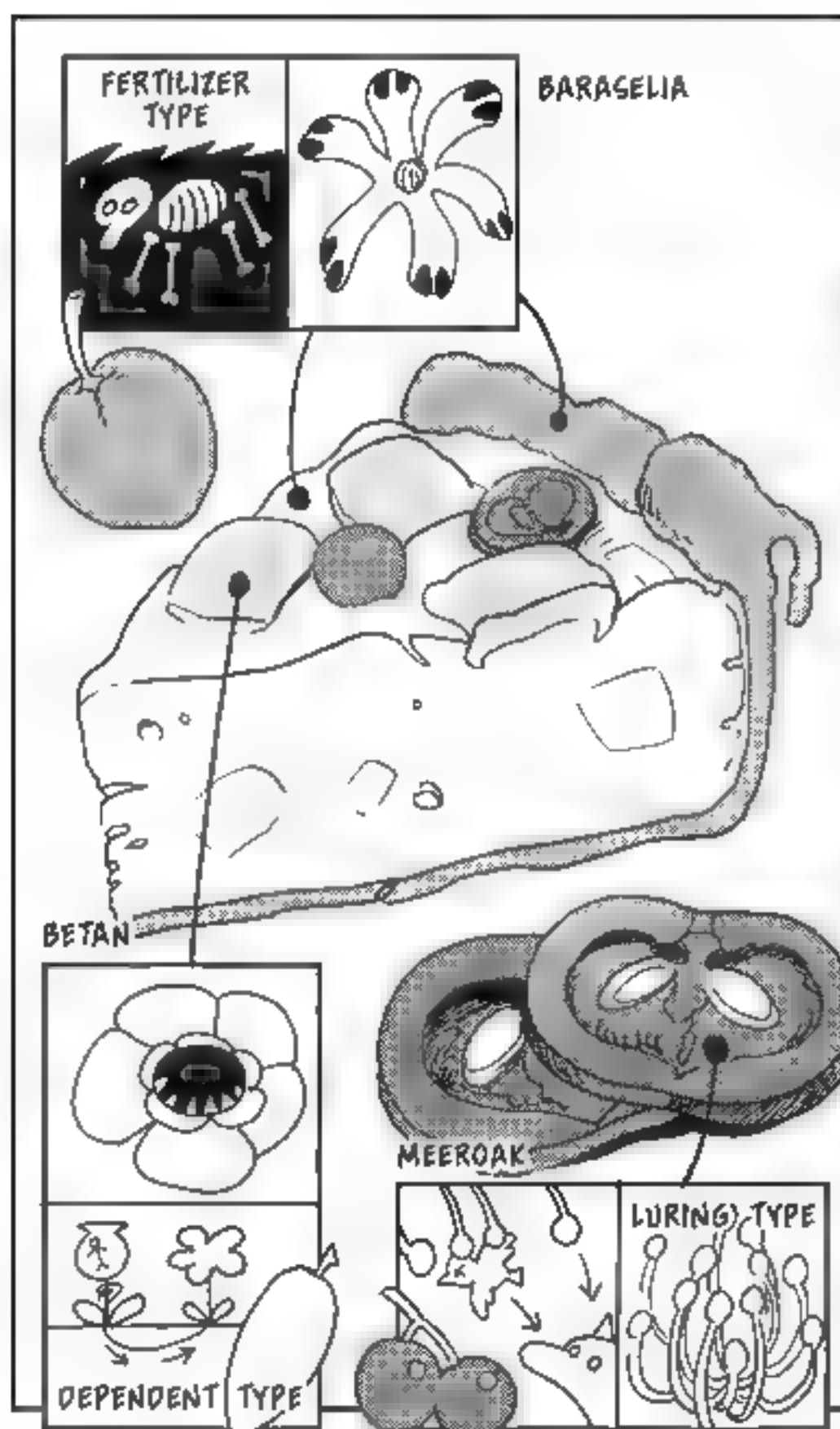
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VITAMINS

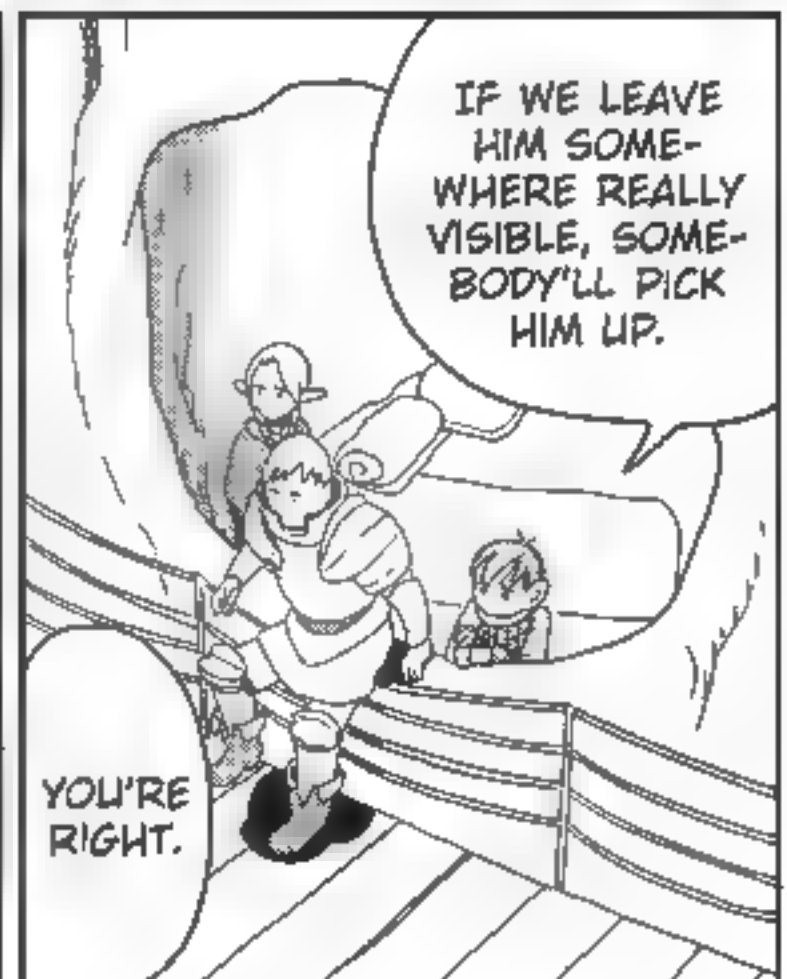
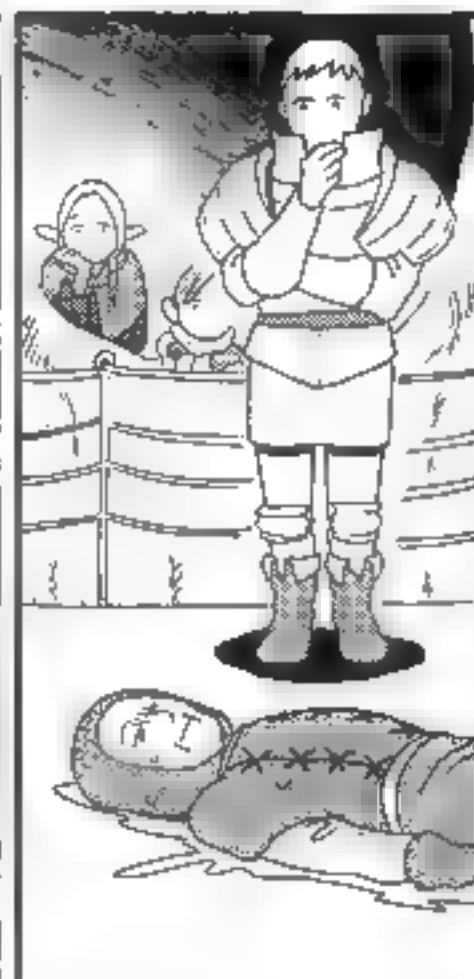
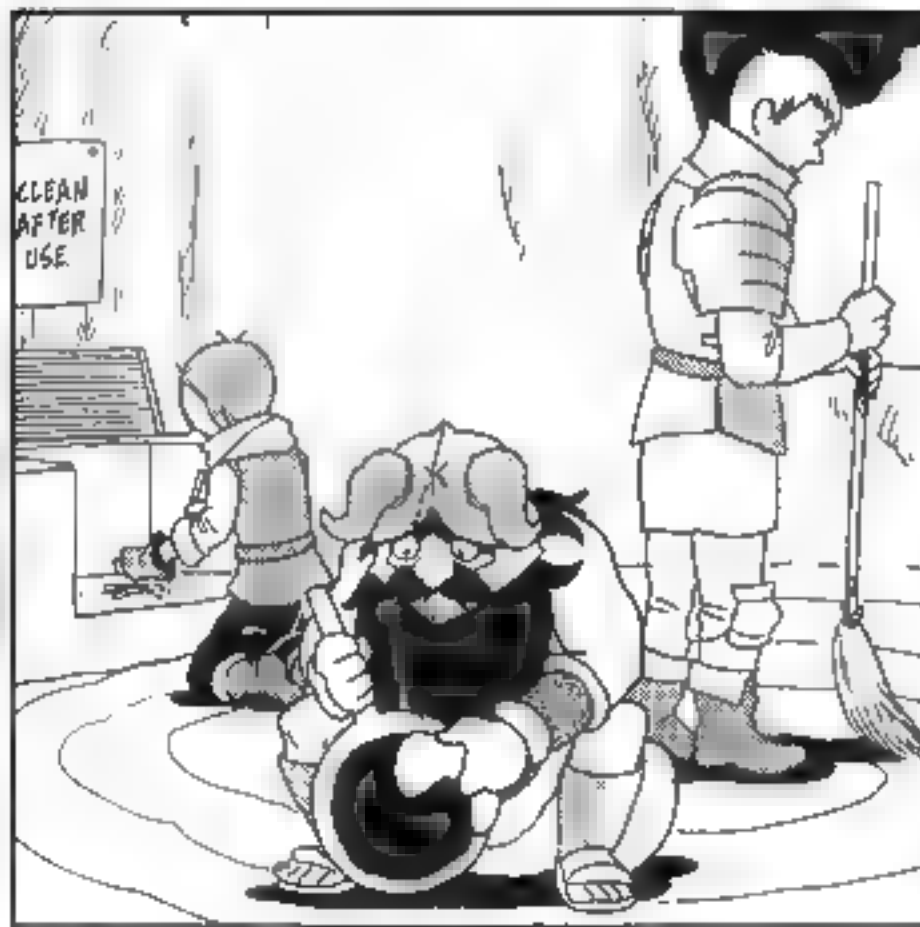
PROTEIN













3. ROAST BASILISK





WHAT'S THIS? SOMETHING SMELLS AMAZING.



FUWA (WAFT)



I'M BACK, MOTHER.

WELCOME HOME, MARCILLE.



EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT.

BYON BOUNCED

WUH!? REALLY!?



WOOOW...



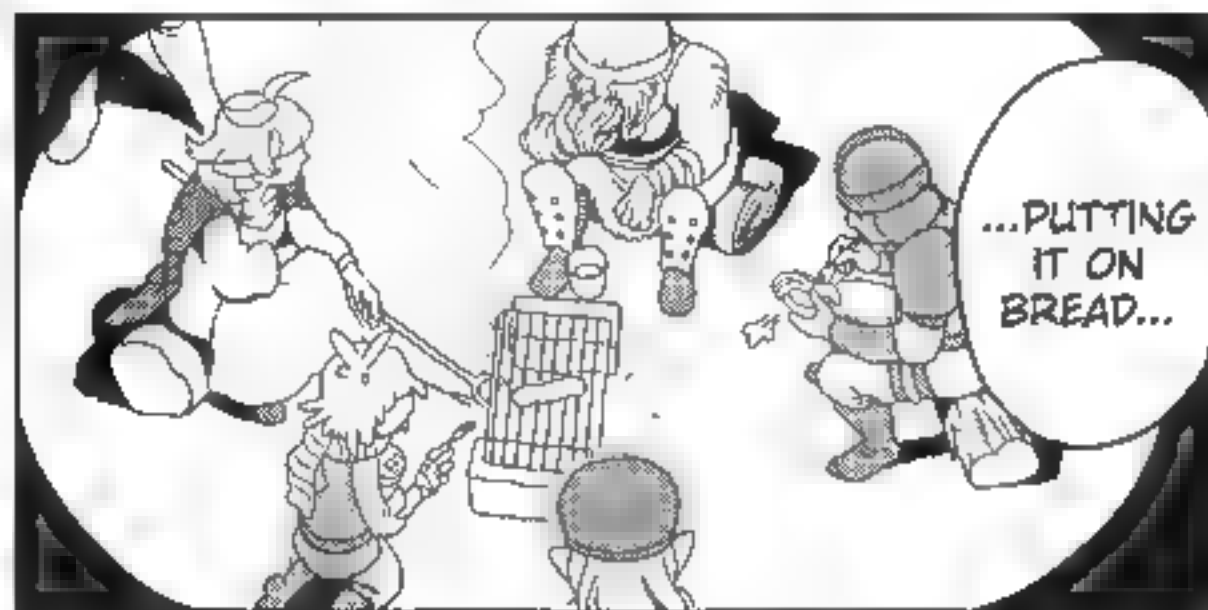
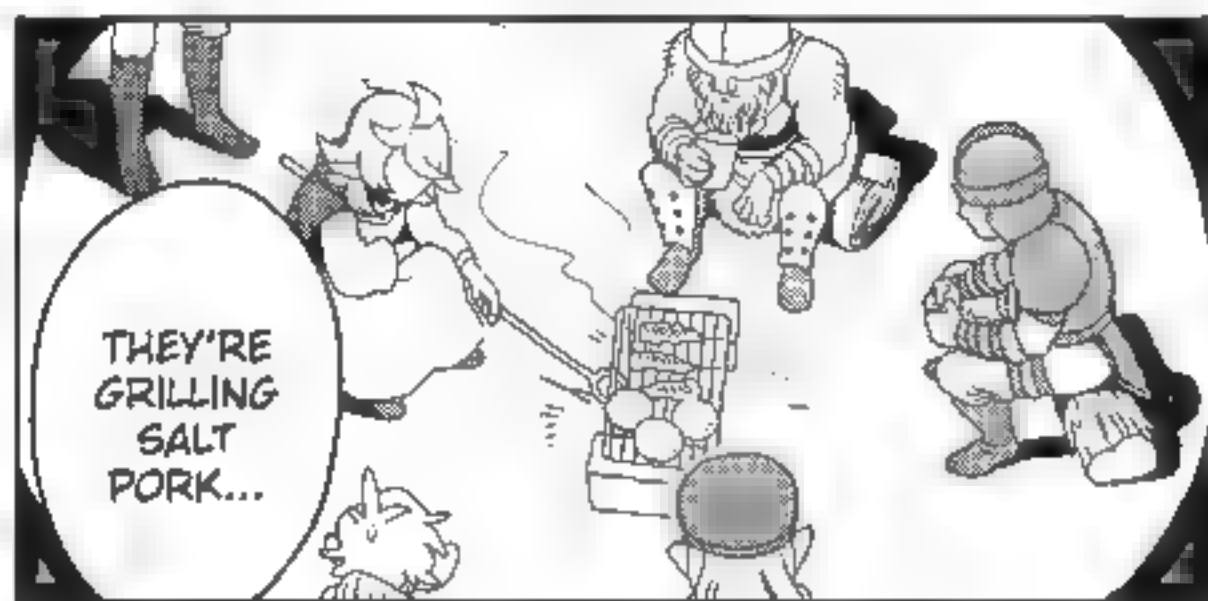
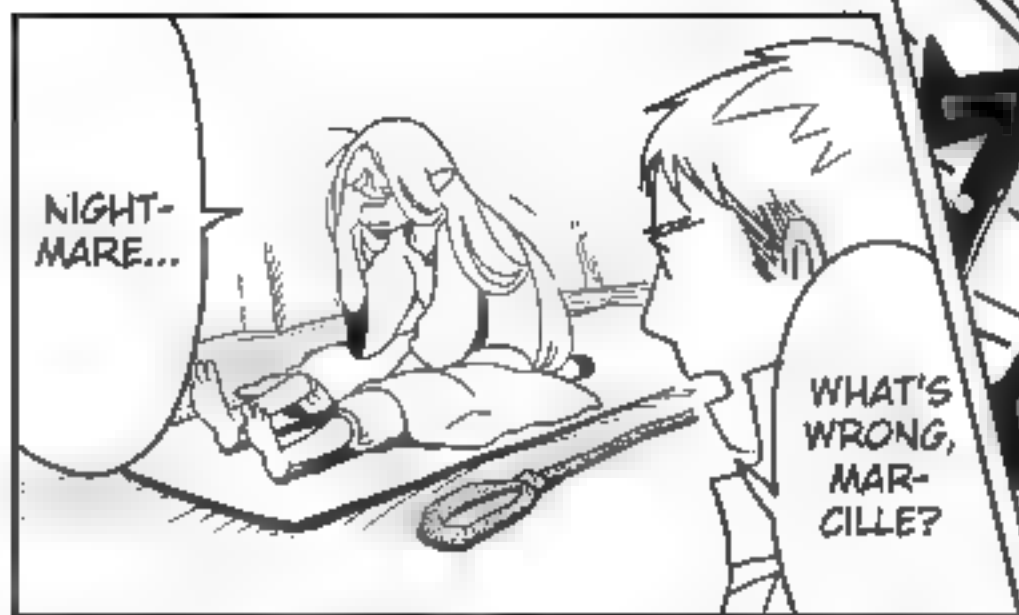
TODAY'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, AFTER ALL.

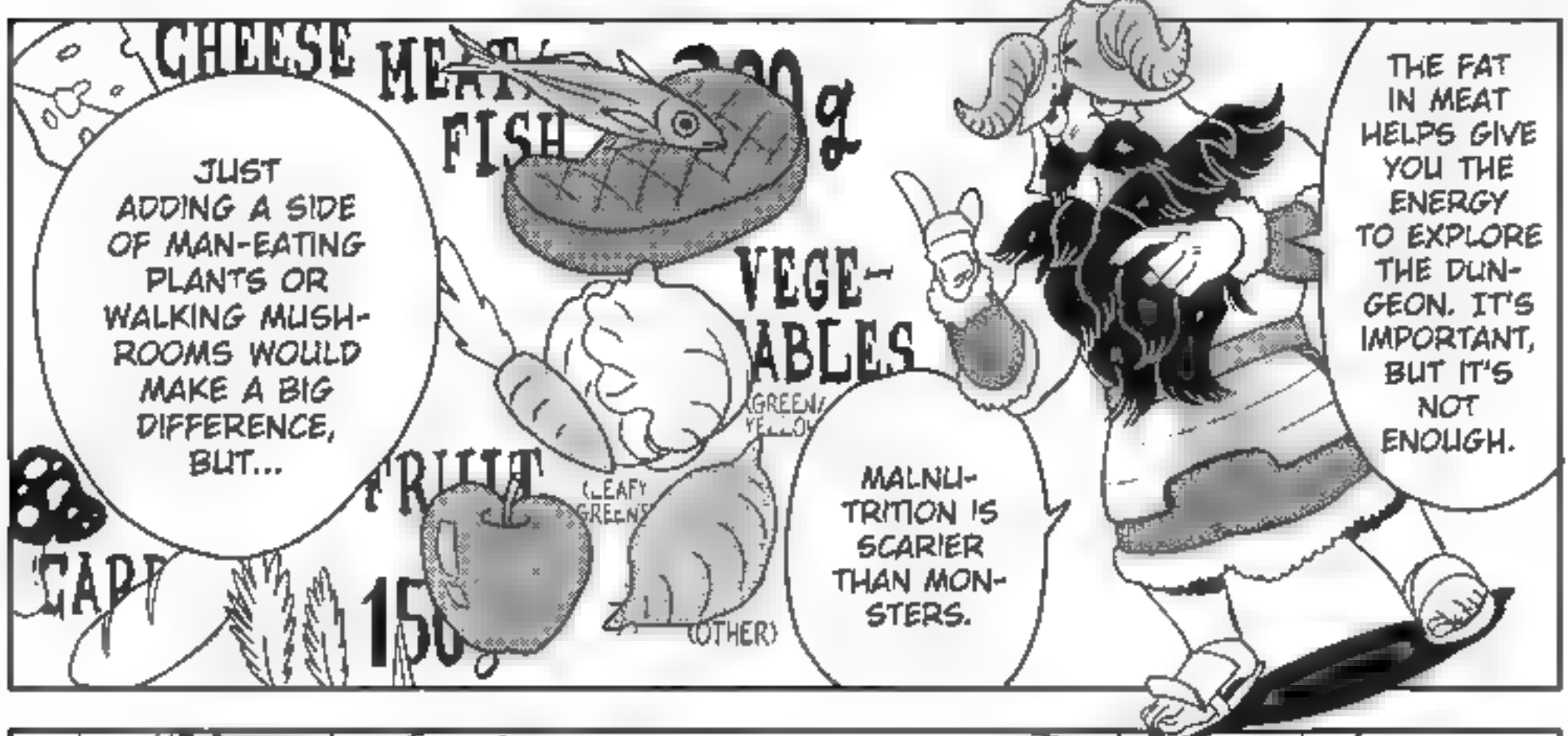
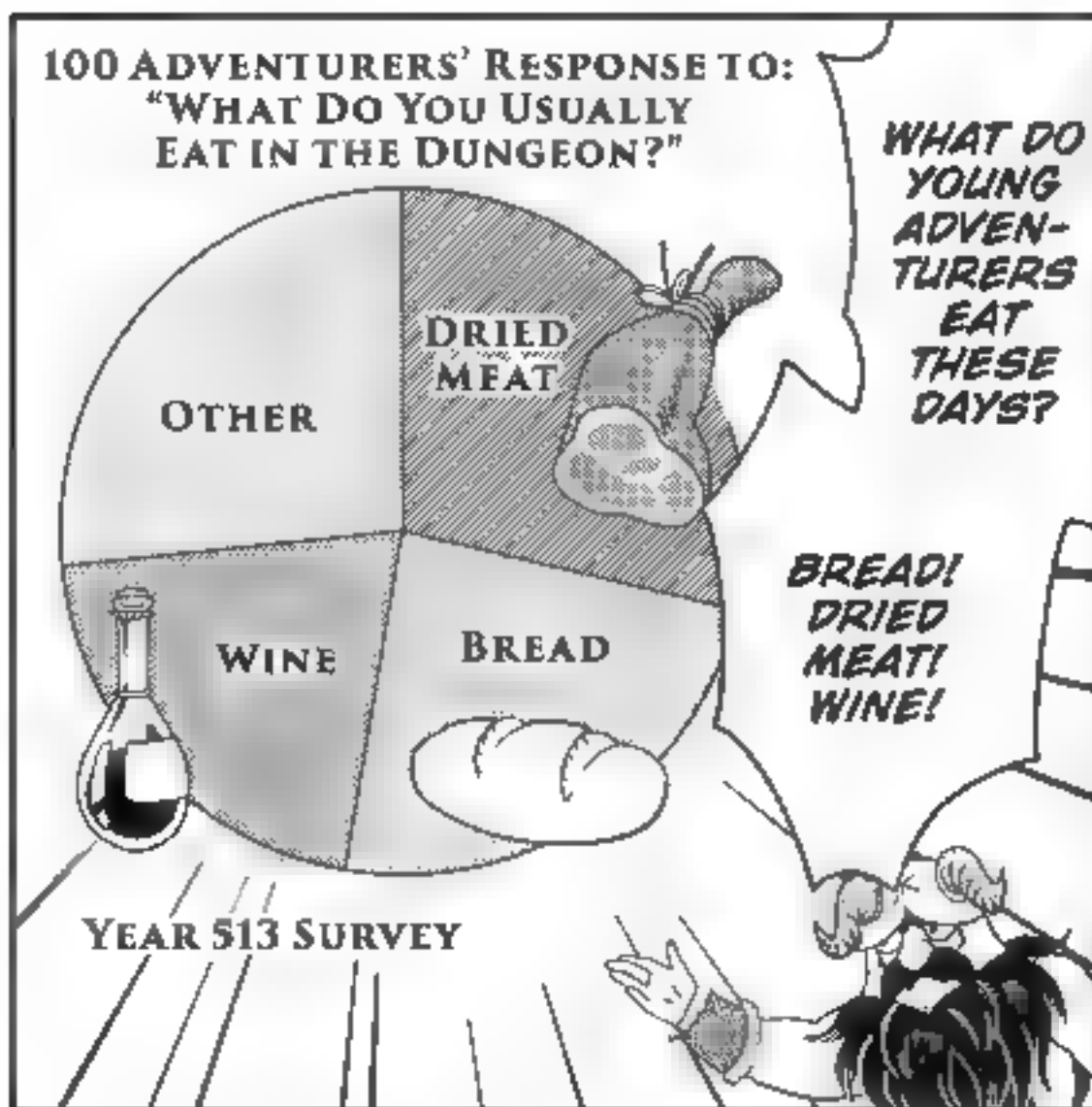
WE'RE HAVING ALL YOUR FAVORITES.

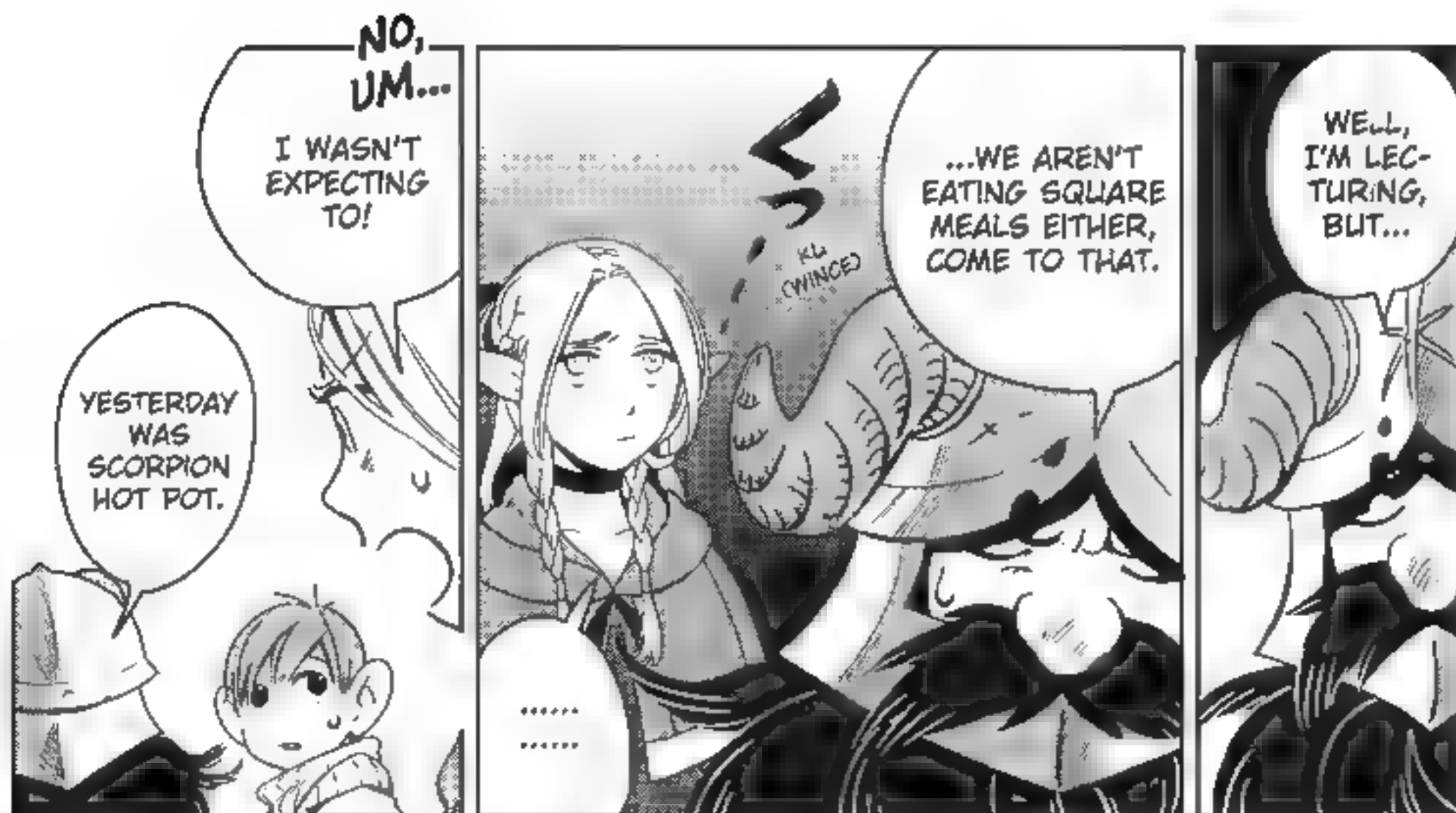


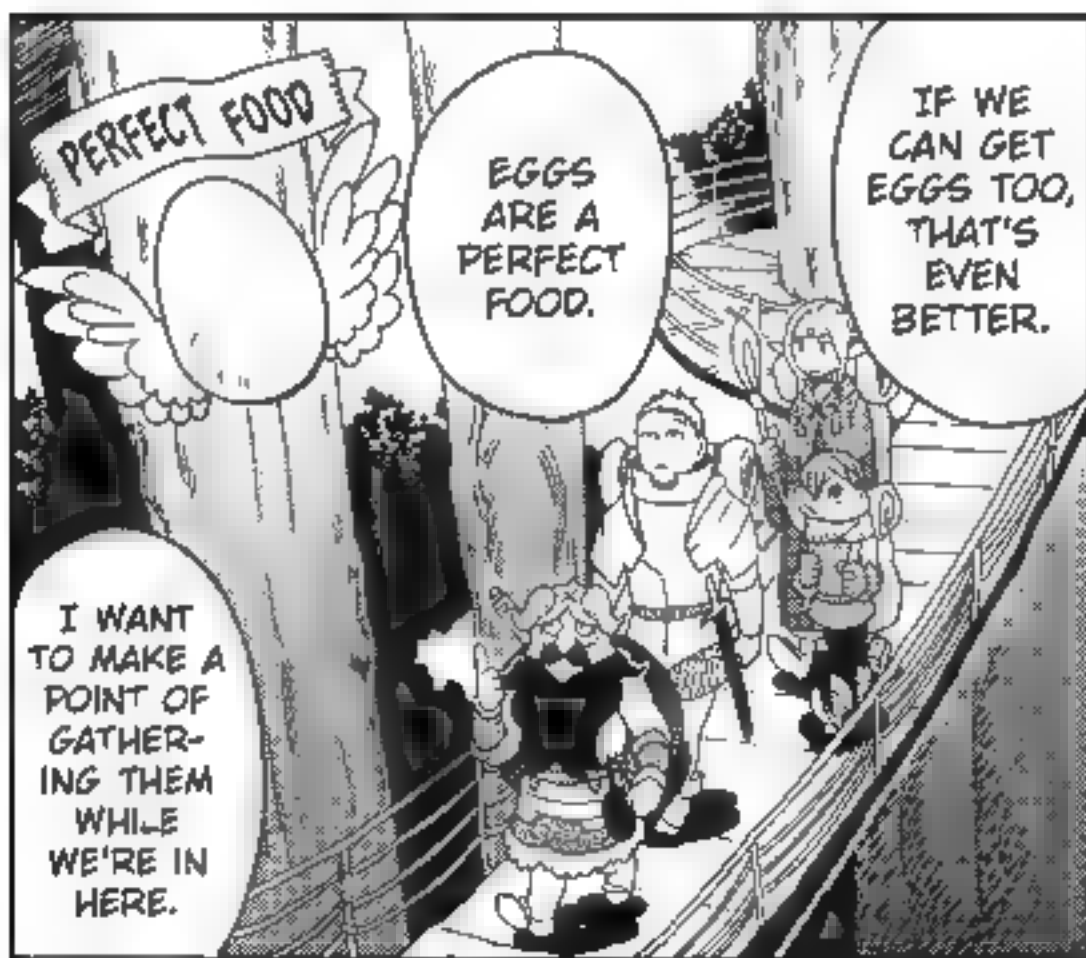
SEE? ALL THE THINGS YOU LOVE...

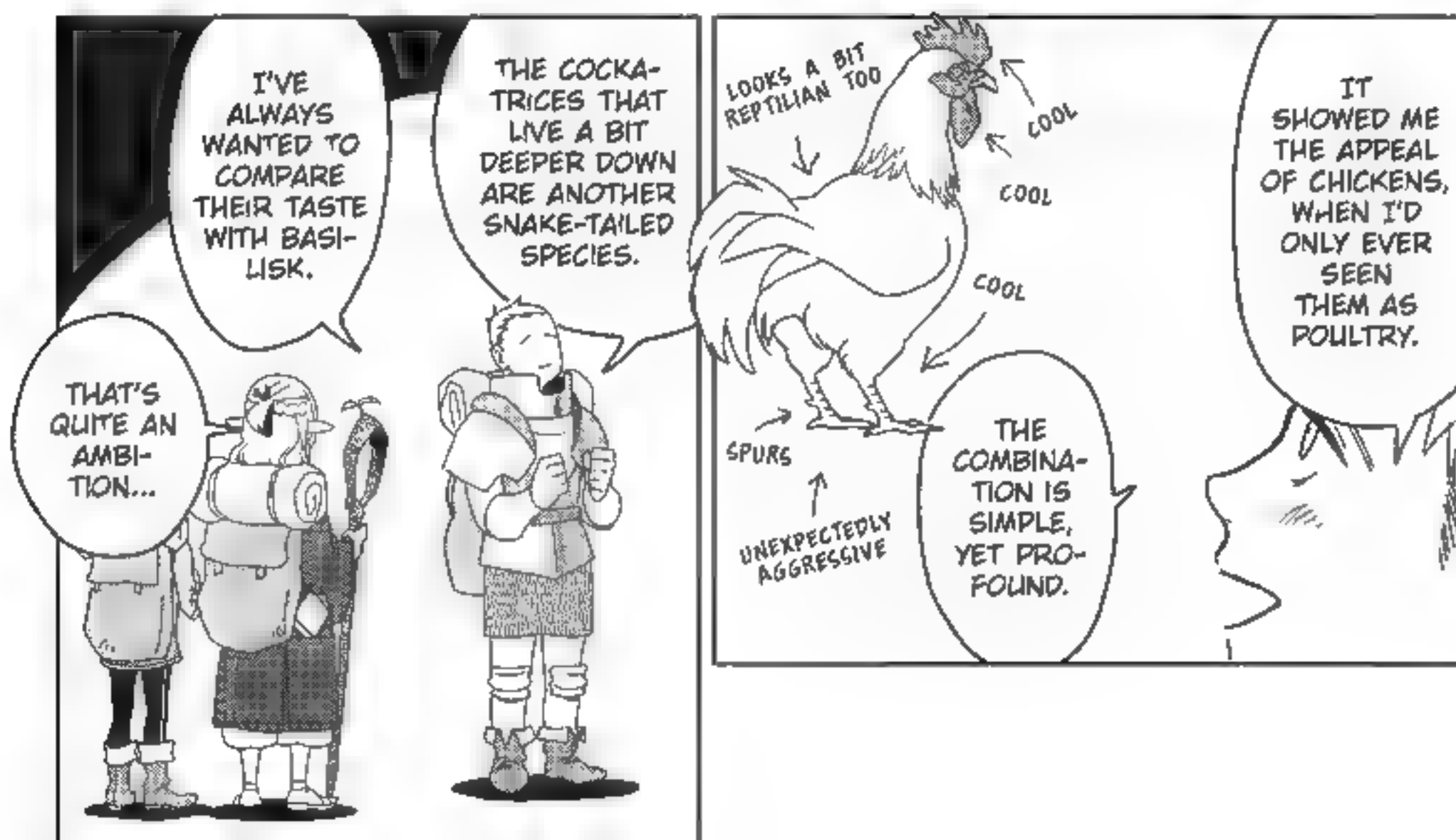
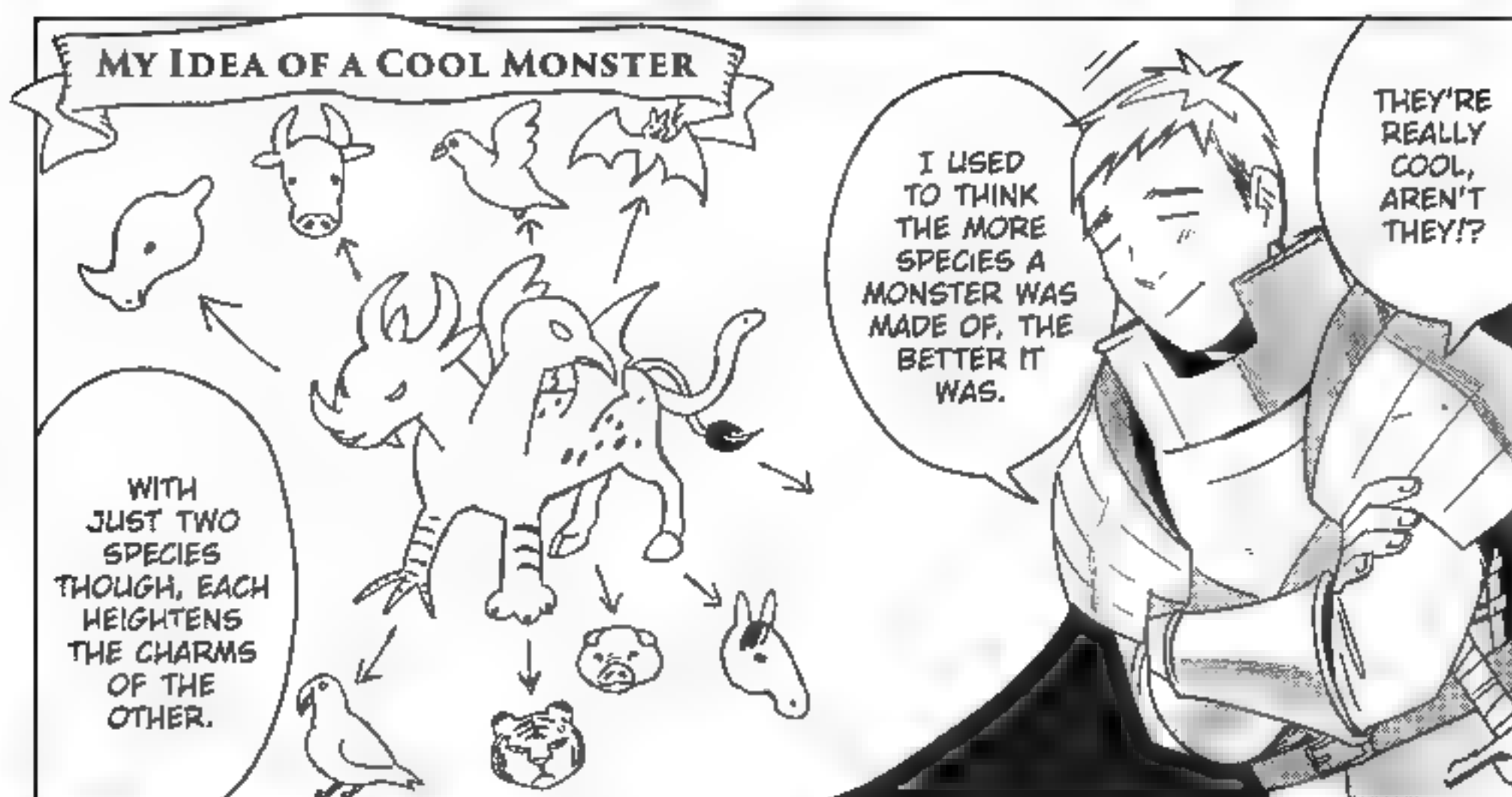
HARVESTED FROM THE DUNGEON.















THERE'S
A BASILISK
NEST
AROUND
THERE.



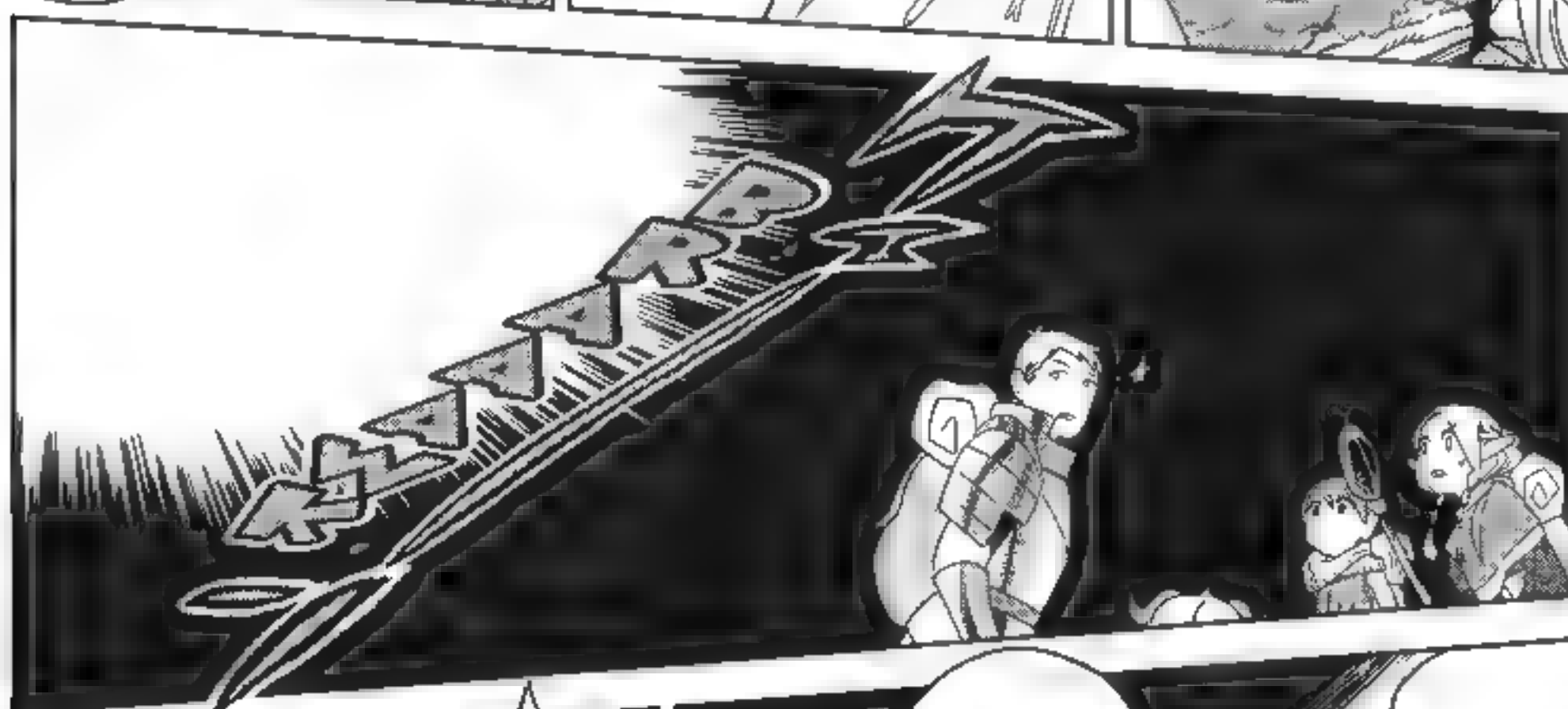
BASILISKS
LAY EGGS
EVERY TWO
OR THREE
DAYS, LIKE
CHICKENS.

TAKE
CARE
NOT TO
STEP ON
ANY



THEY'RE
MOSTLY
UNFERTIL-
IZED, AND
THEY'LL BE
SCATTERED
AROUND
THE
NESTS.









!?

BRANK

BAWK

BUK
BUK

SPREAD
YOUR
ARMS AND
LEGS SO
YOU LOOK
BIGGER.

3121
(CREEP)
3121

RAWK

BUK

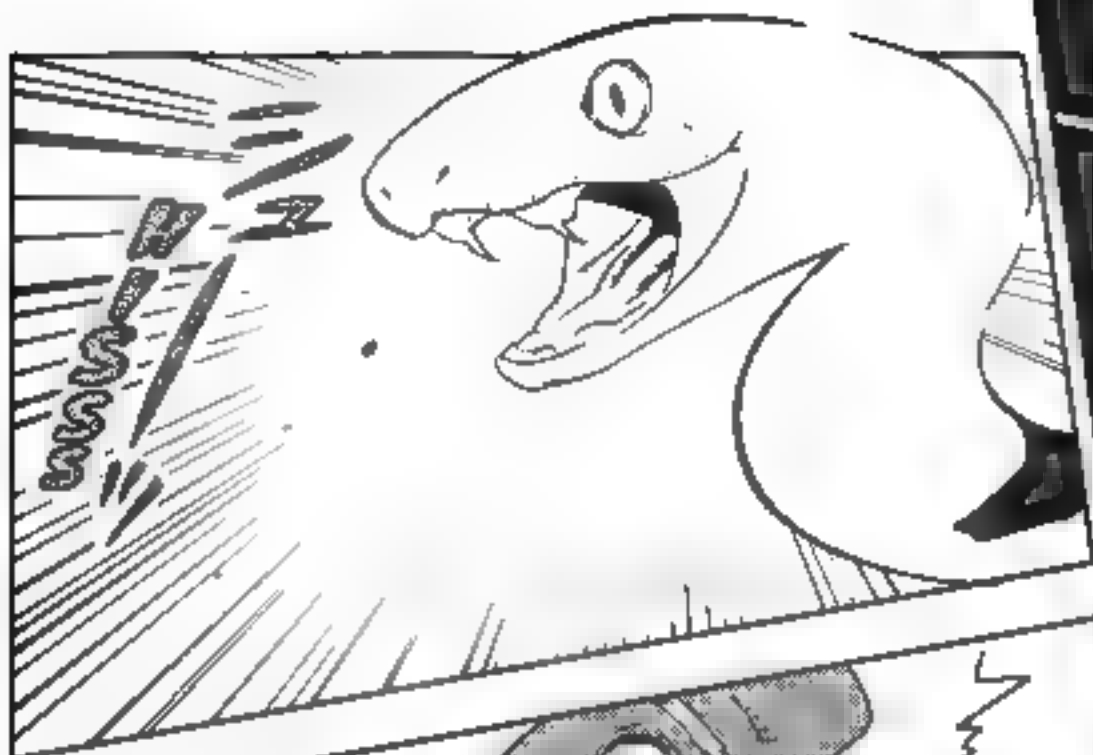
NU
CLOOM

CHILCHUCK,
WANT TO
PRETEND
WE DON'T
KNOW HIM?

THAT'S
ENOUGH
TO KEEP
THEM FROM
RUSHING
YOU IMMEDI-
ATELY.

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KWA





...THEY
ONLY HAVE
ONE BODY.

IF YOU
ATTACK FROM
DIFFERENT
DIRECTIONS
AT THE SAME
TIME AND
DISTRACT IT...



AT FIRST
GLANCE,
YOU'D THINK
THEY HAVE NO
BLIND SPOTS.
HOWEVER...

BASI-
LISKS
HAVE
HEADS
ON
THEIR
TAILS
AS
WELL.



...THOSE
TWO BRAINS
CONFUSE
THE BODY
FOR A
MOMENT!











MANA HERB
•Full of mana



MEDICINAL HERB
•Good for external wounds

GOOD MEDICINAL HERB
•Really good for external wounds



DEPETRIFICATION HERB
•Cures petrification



DEPARALYSIS HERB
•Cures paralysis



BURN HERB
•Good for burns



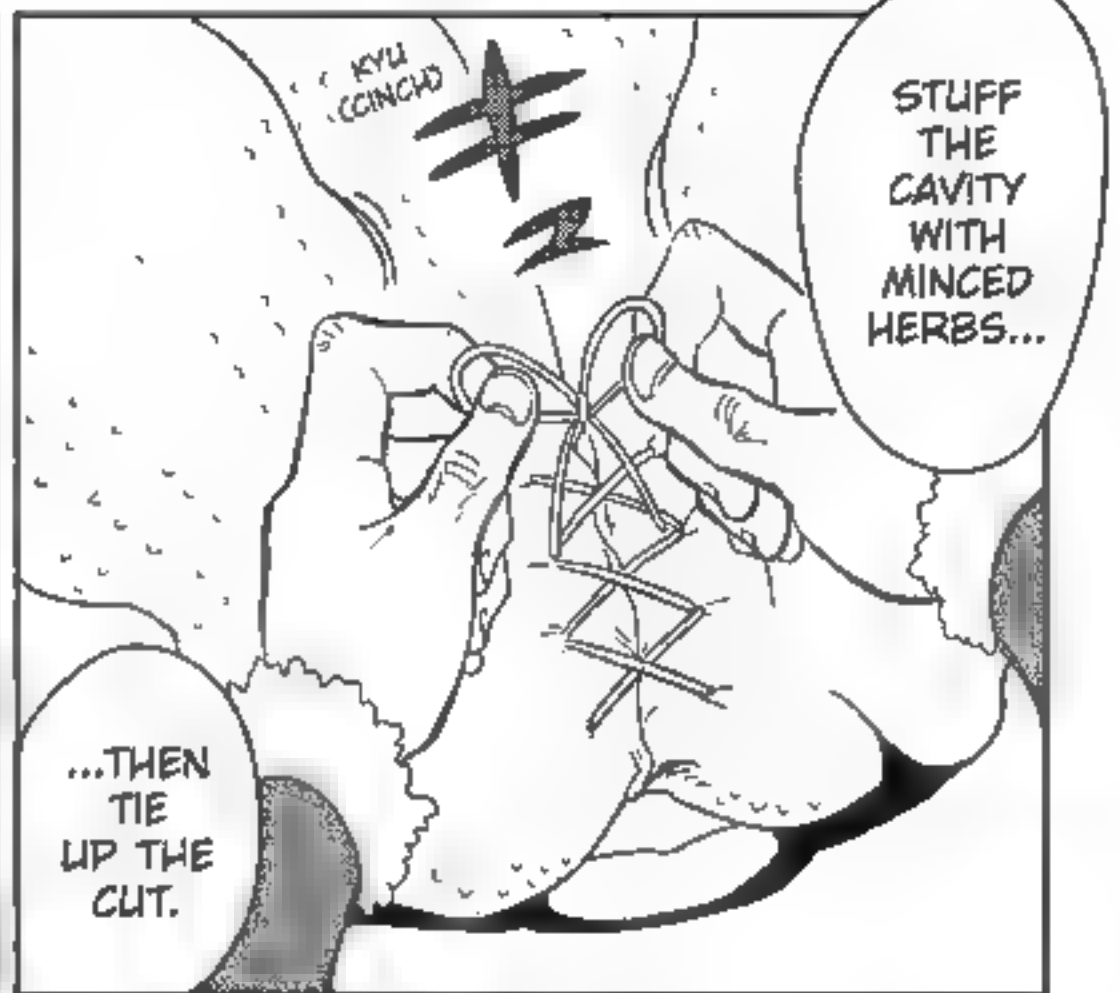
ANTITOXIN HERB
•Neutralizes poisons





MAYBE
MAKE
SOUP
WITH THE
TAIL...

WE'LL
SMOKE
SOME
OF THE
MEAT
AND
EGGS.

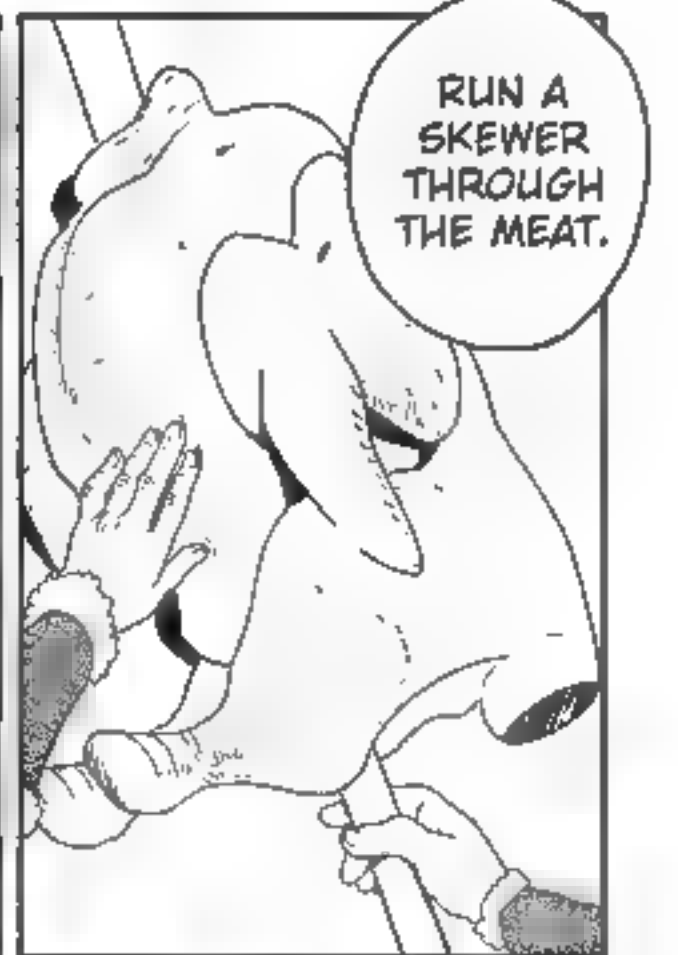
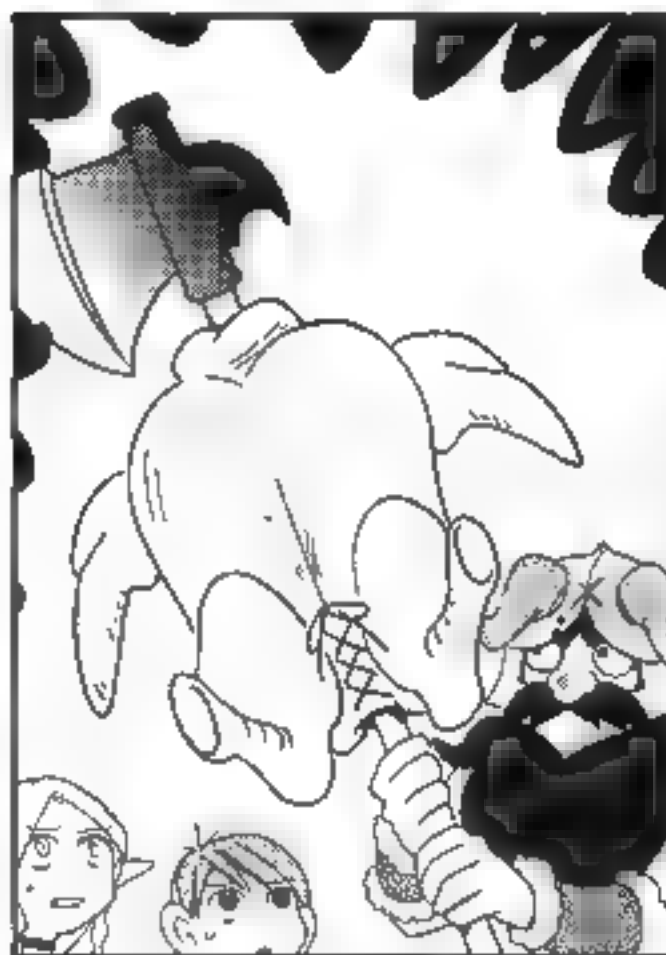


STUFF
THE
CAVITY
WITH
MINCED
HERBS...

...THEN
TIE
UP THE
CUT.



GASHA
(CLANK)



RUN A
SKEWER
THROUGH
THE MEAT.



THEN
ROAST IT
WELL.



ROAST BASILISK

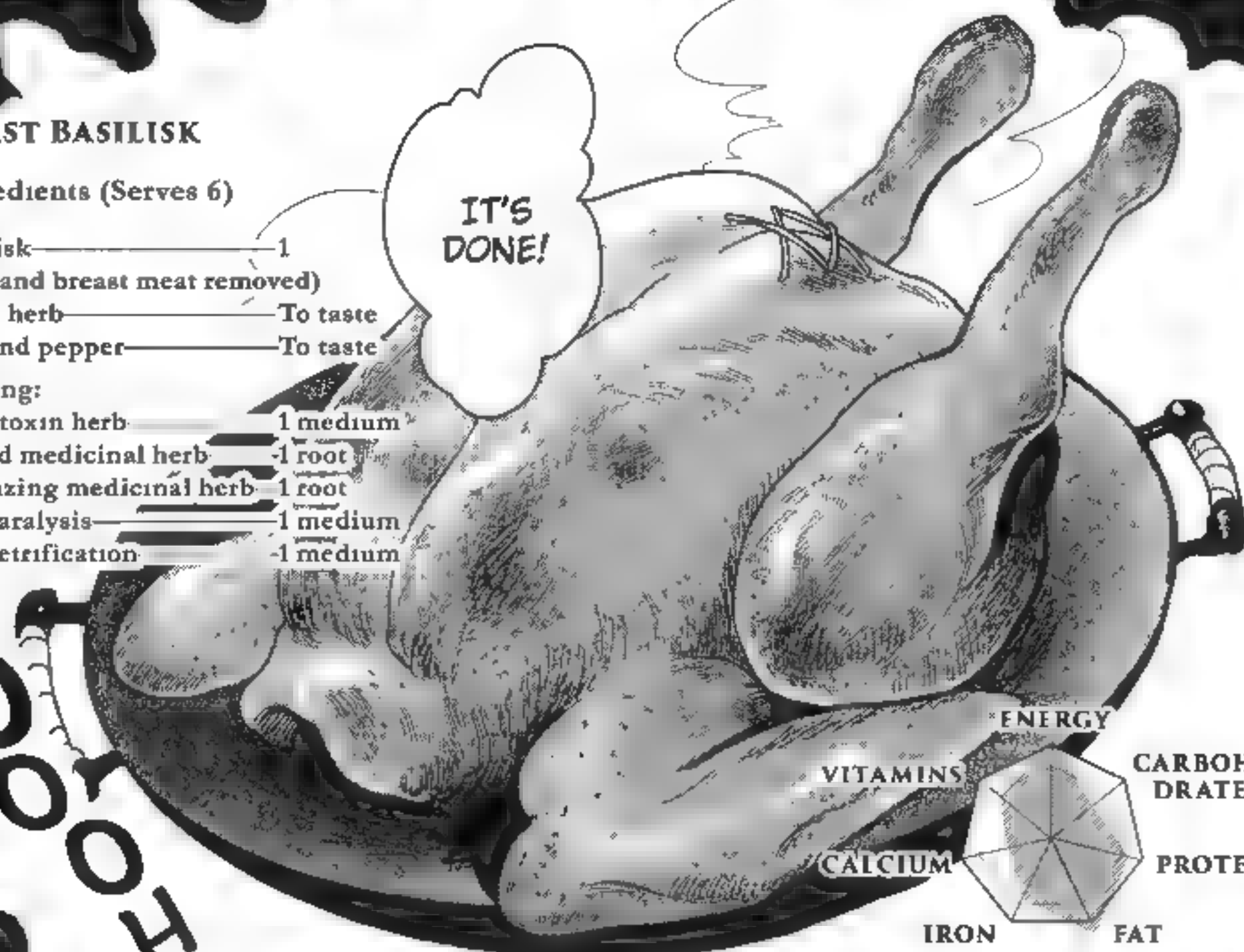
Ingredients (Serves 6)

- Basilisk.....1
(Tail and breast meat removed)
- Mana herb.....To taste
- Salt and pepper.....To taste

Stuffing:

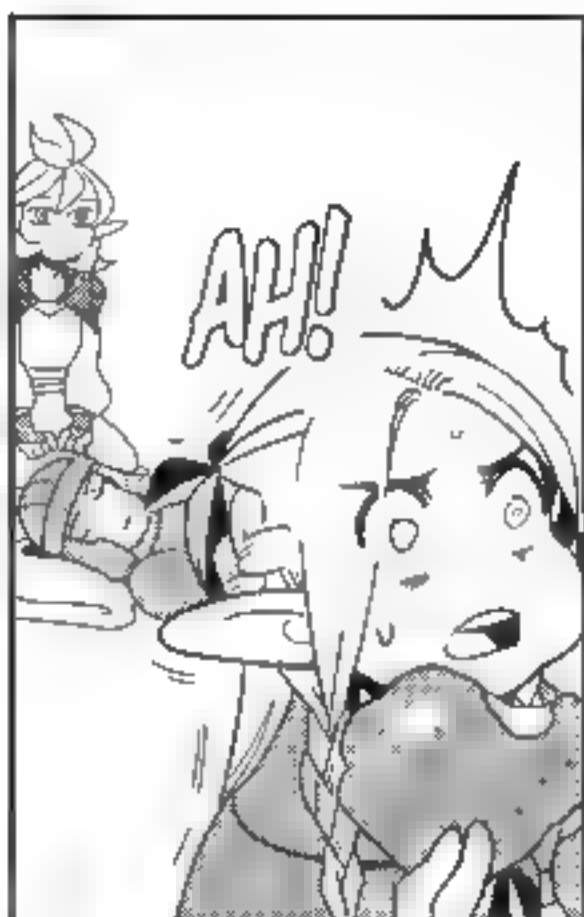
- Antitoxin herb.....1 medium
- Good medicinal herb.....1 root
- Amazing medicinal herb.....1 root
- Deparalysis.....1 medium
- Depetrification.....1 medium

IT'S DONE!



O O O O H...







U-
UM.



OH
BOY

I'M
STUFFED

NOTHING
SATISFIES
QUITE LIKE
MEAT



WE
AREN'T
MAKING
MUCH
PROG-
RESS



WE'VE
BEEN TRYING
OUR LUCK IN
THE DUNGEON
FOR THREE
MONTHS
NOW BUT
WE

WE
ALWAYS
GET WIPED
OUT IN
THE SAME
PLACE



WELL,
UM.

UM



TO COOK
MONSTERS
THE WAY
YOUR
GROUP
DOES?

LAIOS, SIR,
HOW CAN
WE GET
STRONG
ENOUGH



I DON'T
THINK
THAT WAS
QUITE
RIGHT.

THAT WAS
KIND OF
EMBAR-
RASSING.

CHECK YOU
OUT, VETERAN
ADVENTURER.

YOU'VE
GOT
PEOPLE
ASKING
YOU FOR
ADVICE
NOW,
HUH?

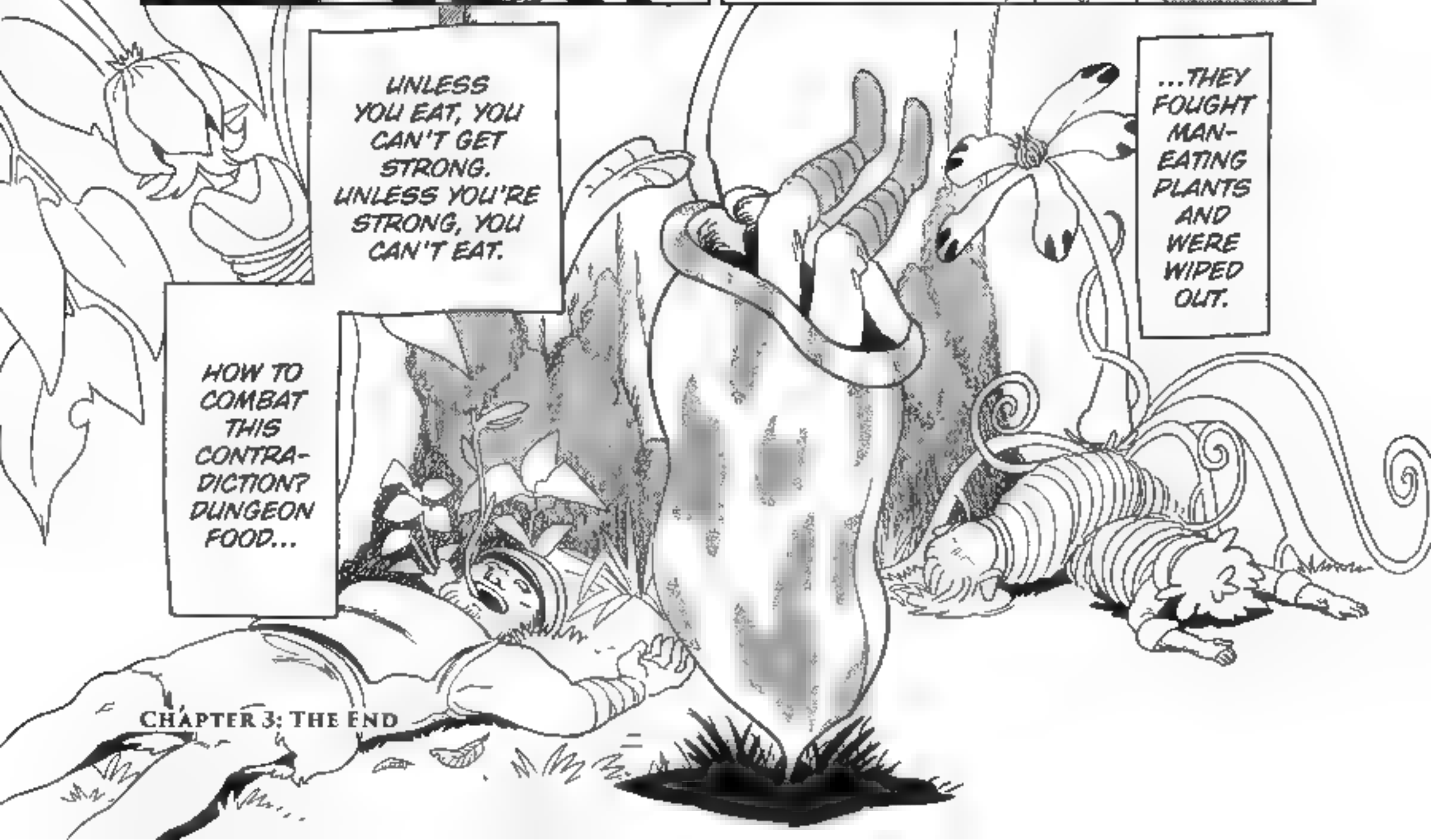


AND
SO, ON
AN-
OTHER
DAY...

LET'S
DO OUR
BEST
TOO!



THEY WERE
INCREDIBLE
PEOPLE,
WEREN'T
THEY?



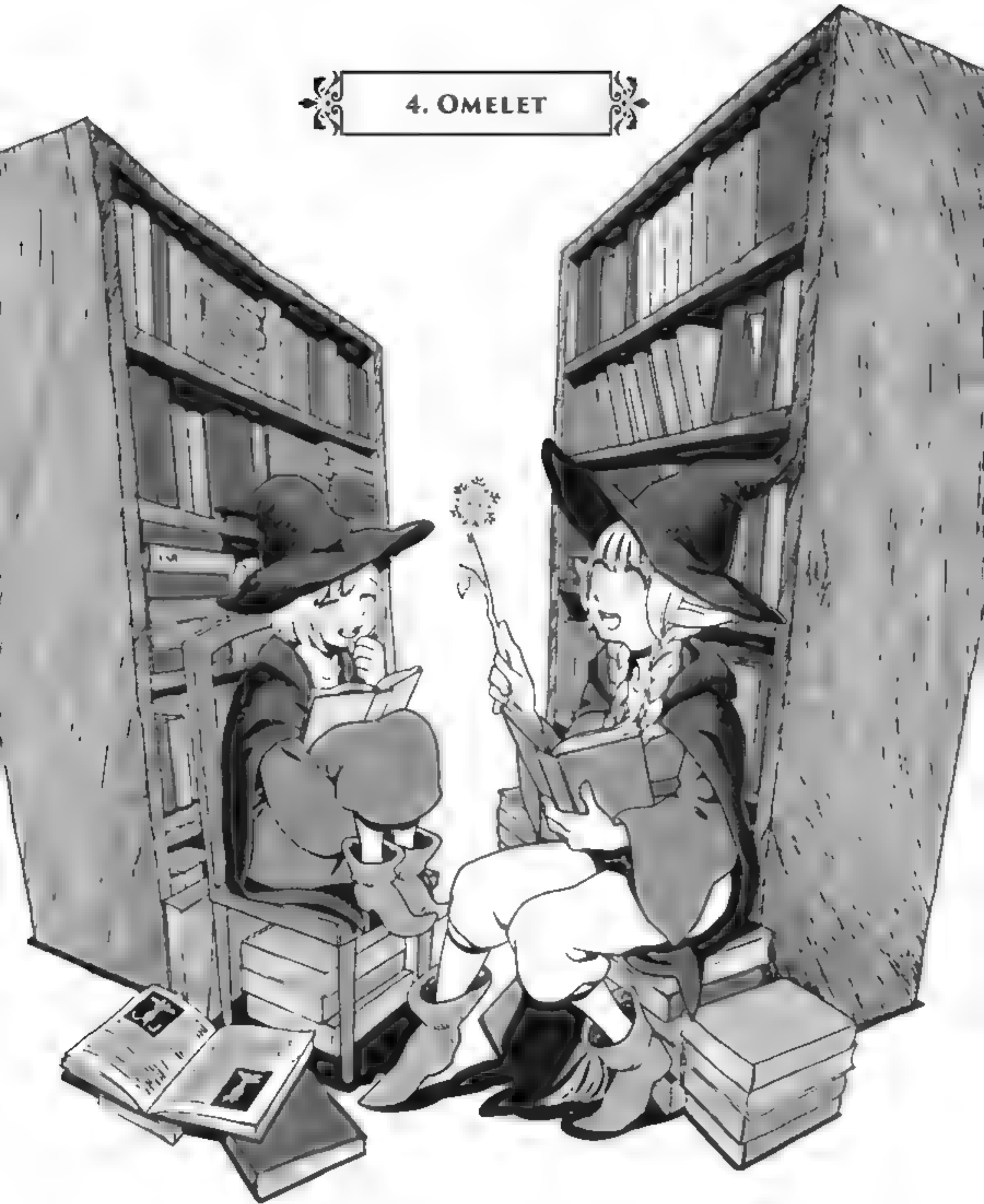
UNLESS
YOU EAT, YOU
CAN'T GET
STRONG.
UNLESS YOU'RE
STRONG, YOU
CAN'T EAT.

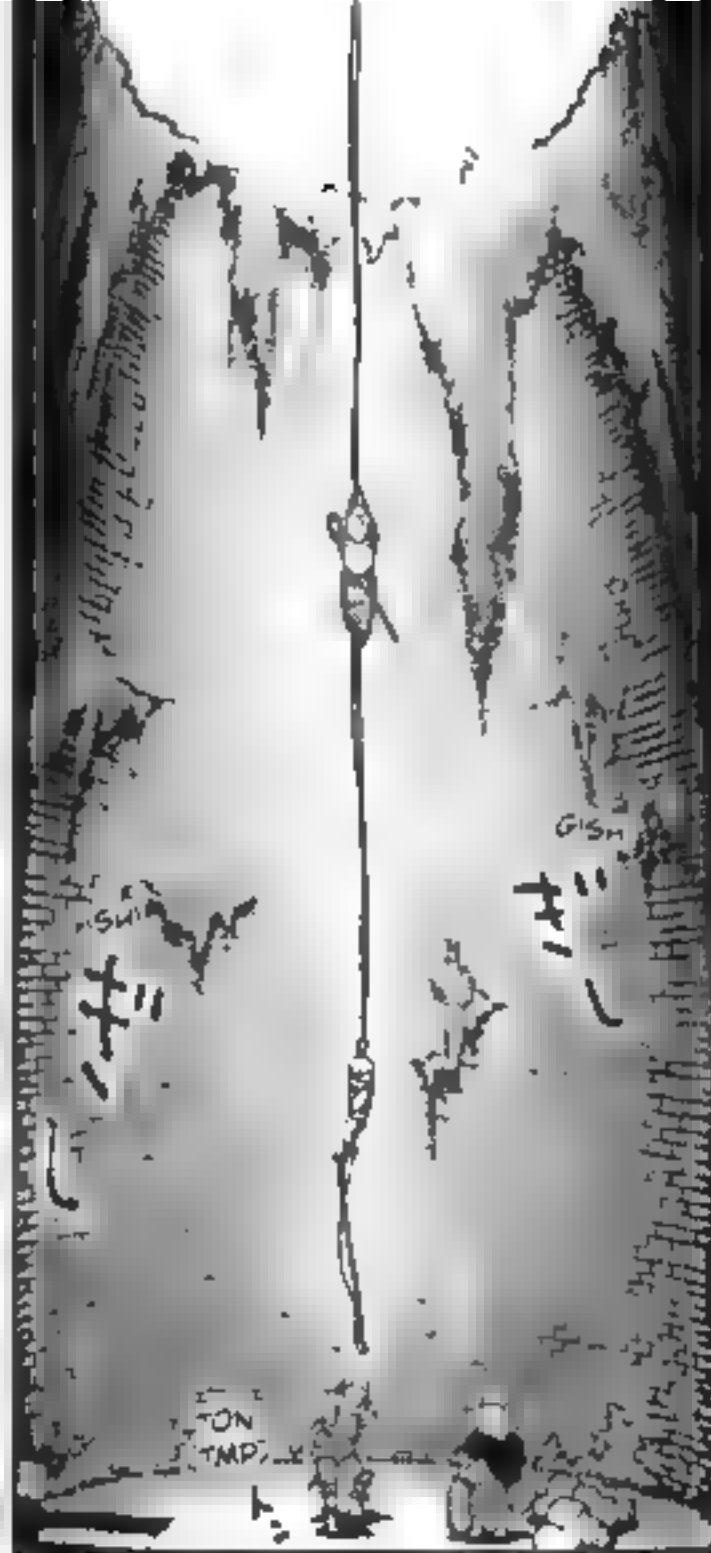
...THEY
FOUGHT
MAN-
EATING
PLANTS
AND
WERE
WIPE
OUT.

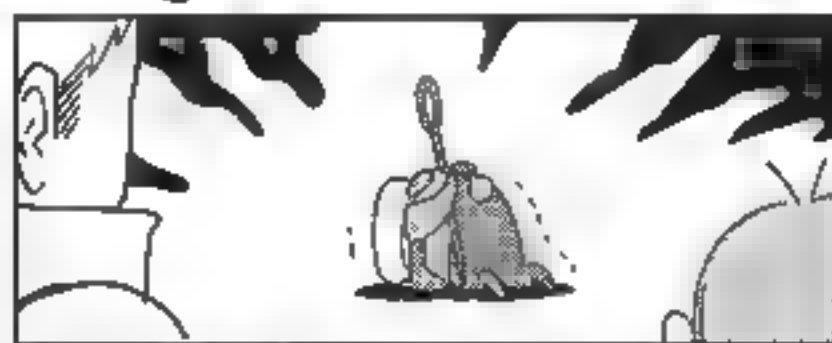
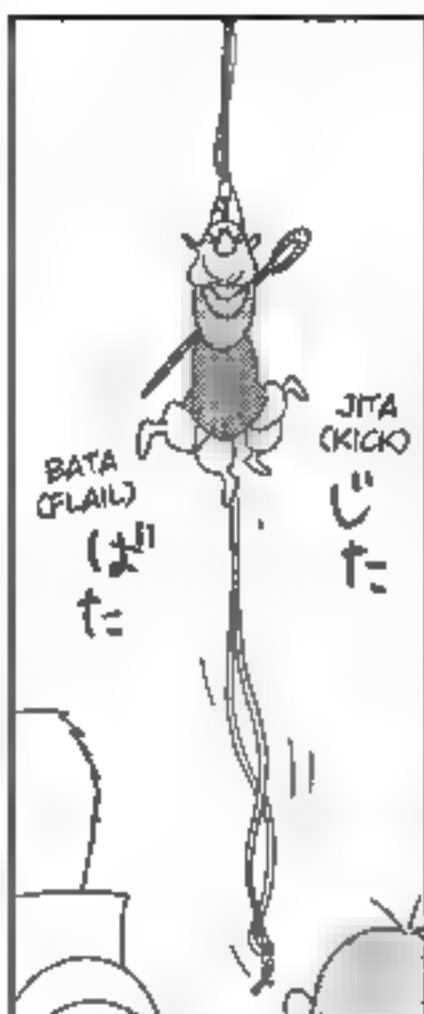
HOW TO
COMBAT
THIS
CONTRA-
DICTION?
DUNGEON
FOOD...

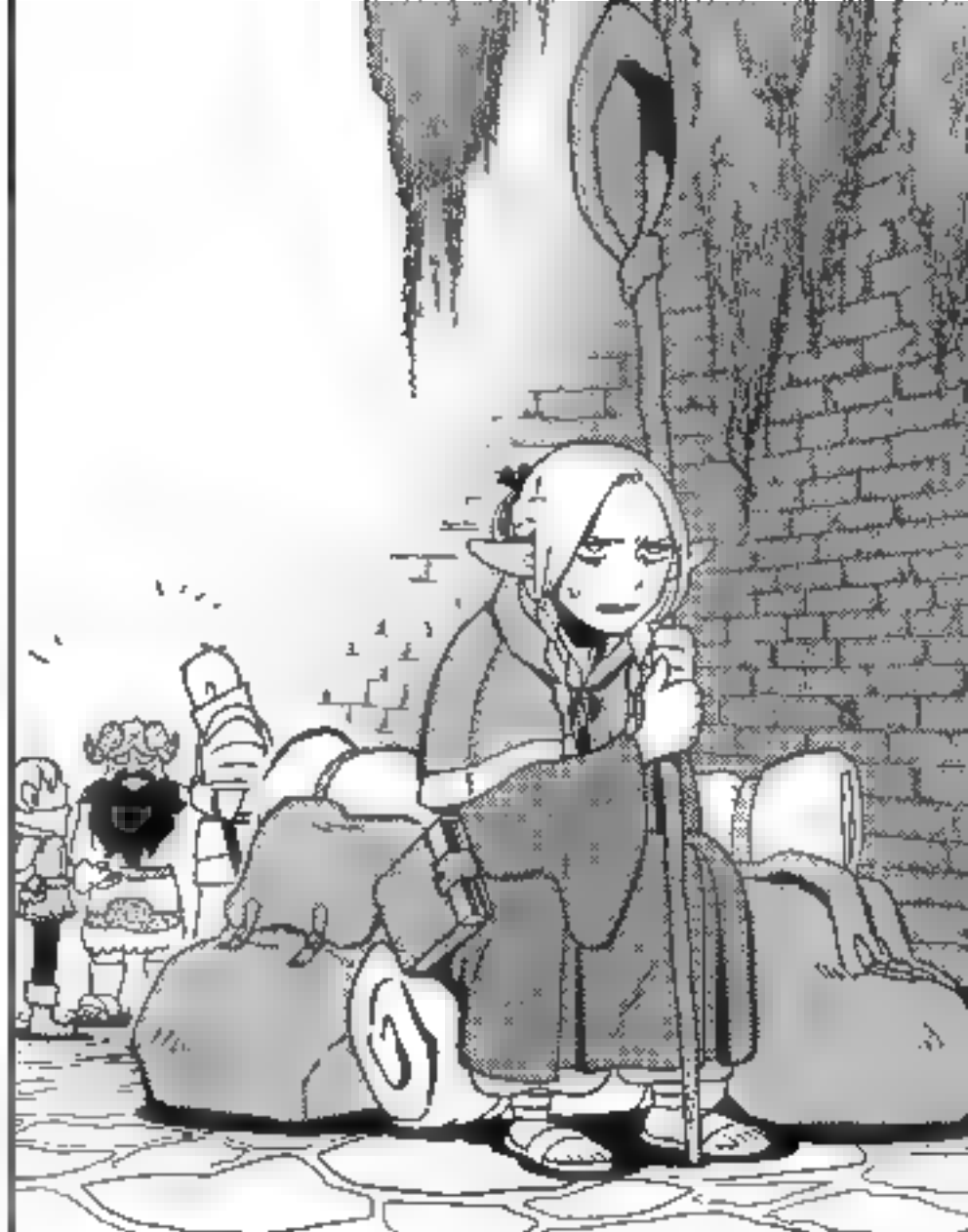
CHAPTER 3: THE END

4. OMELET









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BA
(SWIP)
フ

MAN-
DRAKES!

I'LL GO
GET SOME
WHILE THE
ELF-GIRL'S
RESTING.

THERE'S A
MANDRAKE
COLONY
NEAR
HERE.

LET ME
HANDLE
THAT!

I KNOW
HOW
TO PICK
MAN-
DRAKES!

HERE!
OVER
HERE!

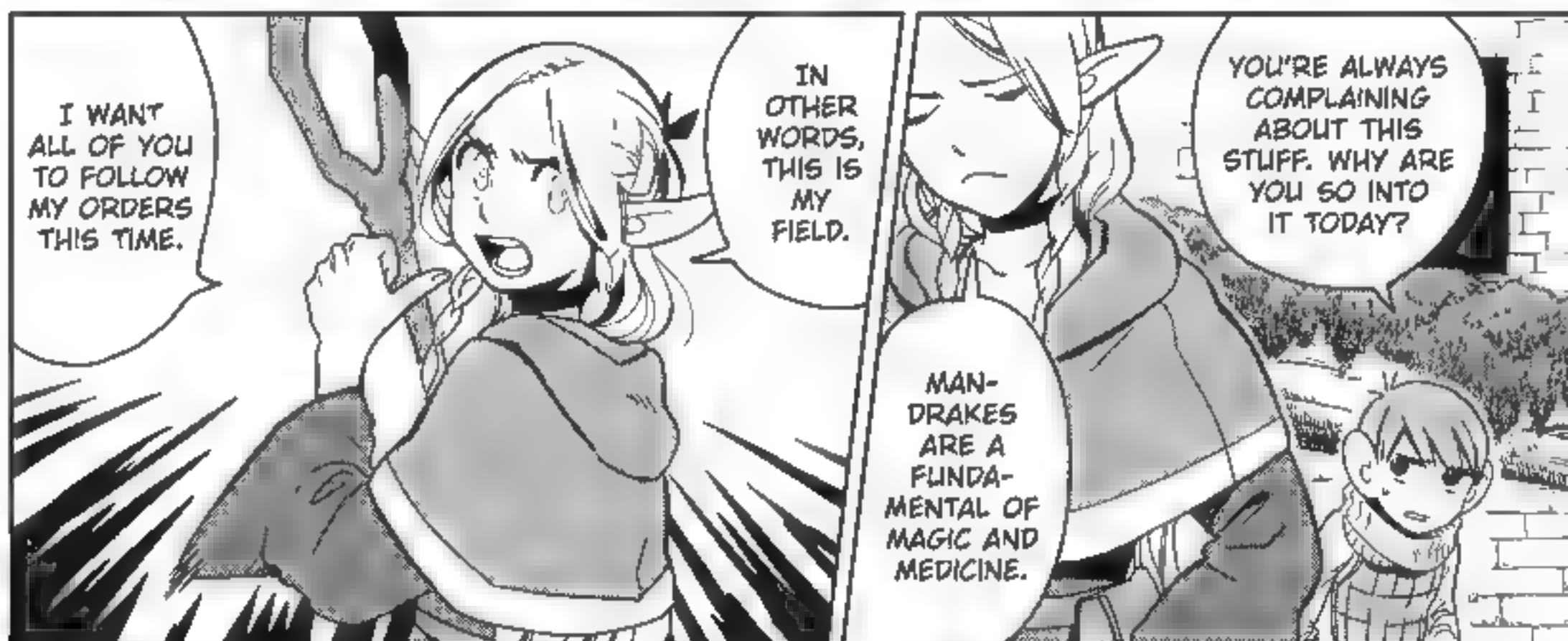
AMATEURS
WHO TRY
PAY FOR IT
DEARLY.

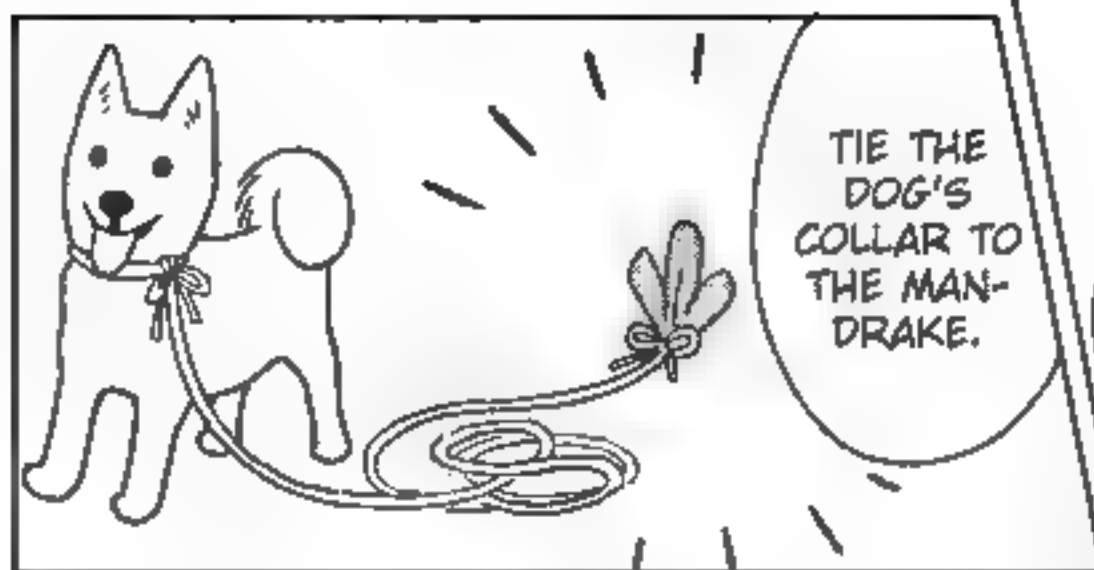
HANDLING
MANDRAKES
IS EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS.

I'M
FINE
ON MY
OWN.

NO!

AND
YOU'RE
A
PRO?

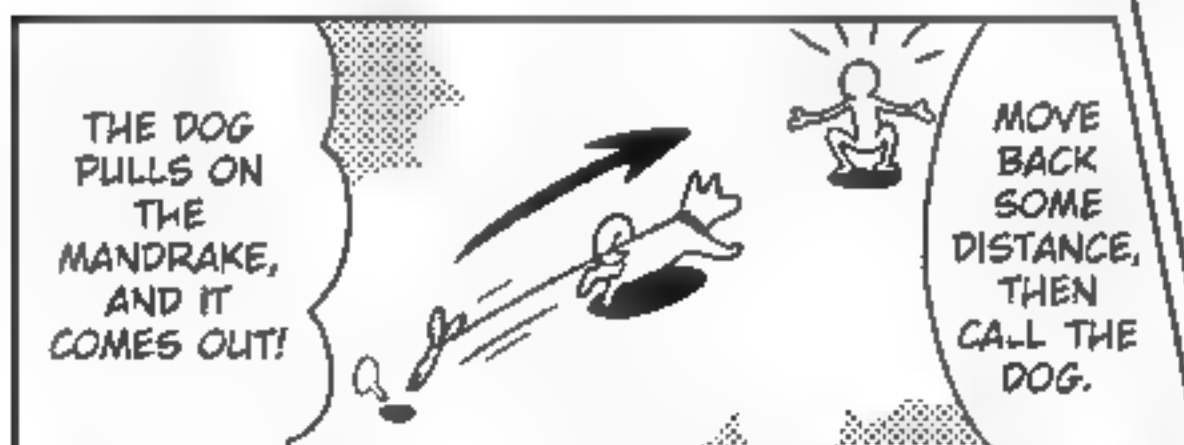




TIE THE
DOG'S
COLLAR TO
THE MAN-
DRAKE.

A
DOG?

FIRST,
WE NEED
A CORD
AND A
WELL-
TRAINED
DOG.



THE DOG
PULLS ON
THE
MANDRAKE,
AND IT
COMES OUT!

MOVE
BACK
SOME
DISTANCE,
THEN
CALL THE
DOG.



BUT AT
SCHOOL,
THEY...

AND
ANYWAY,
ISN'T THAT
METHOD
REALLY
INEFFICIENT?

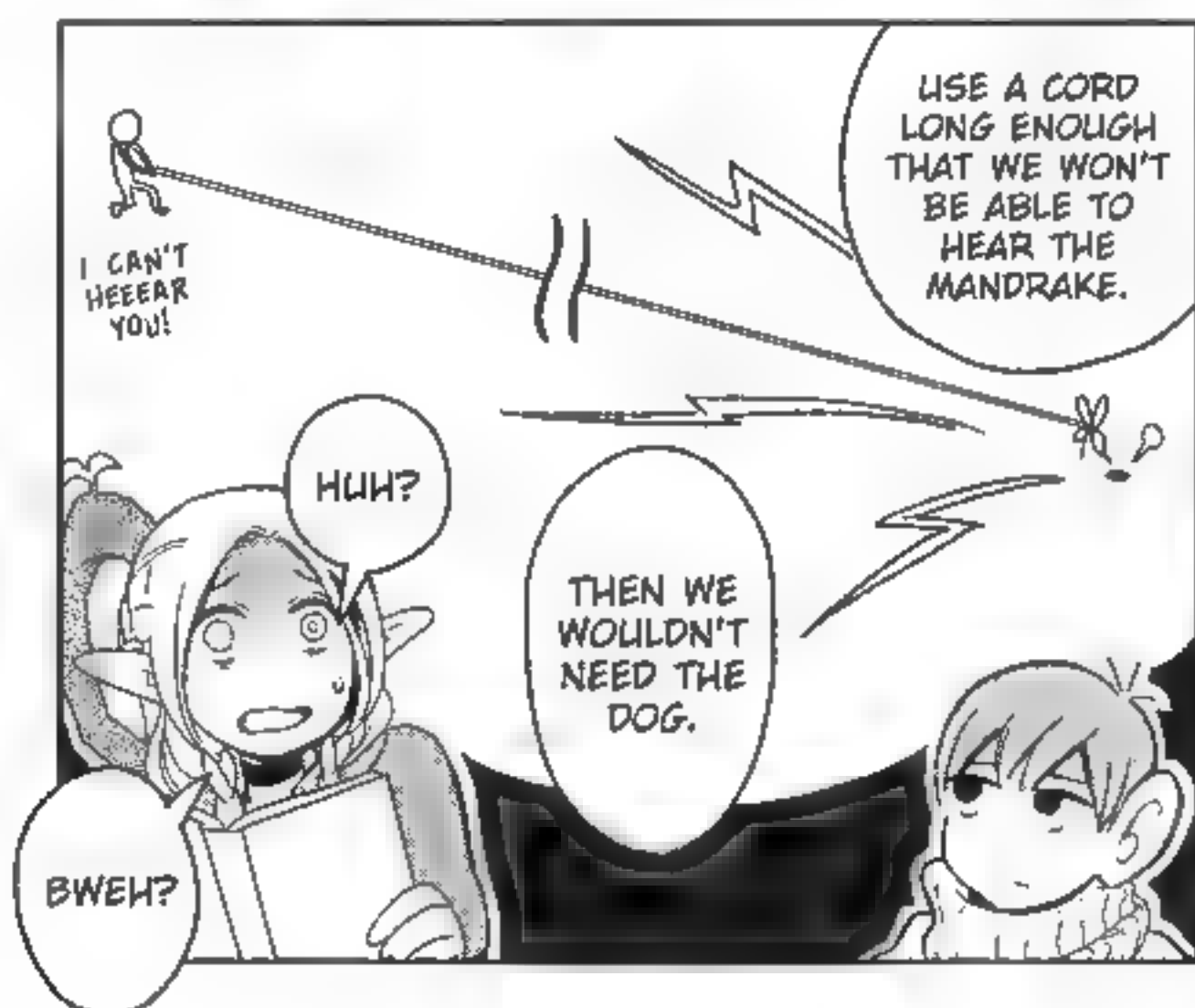
NO,
I MEANT,
WHERE ARE
YOU GOING
TO GET THE
DOG?



IT
DIES...

WHAT
ABOUT
THE
DOG?

HUH!?
THAT'S
MEAN!



I CAN'T
HEAR
YOU!

USE A CORD
LONG ENOUGH
THAT WE WON'T
BE ABLE TO
HEAR THE
MANDRAKE.

HUH?

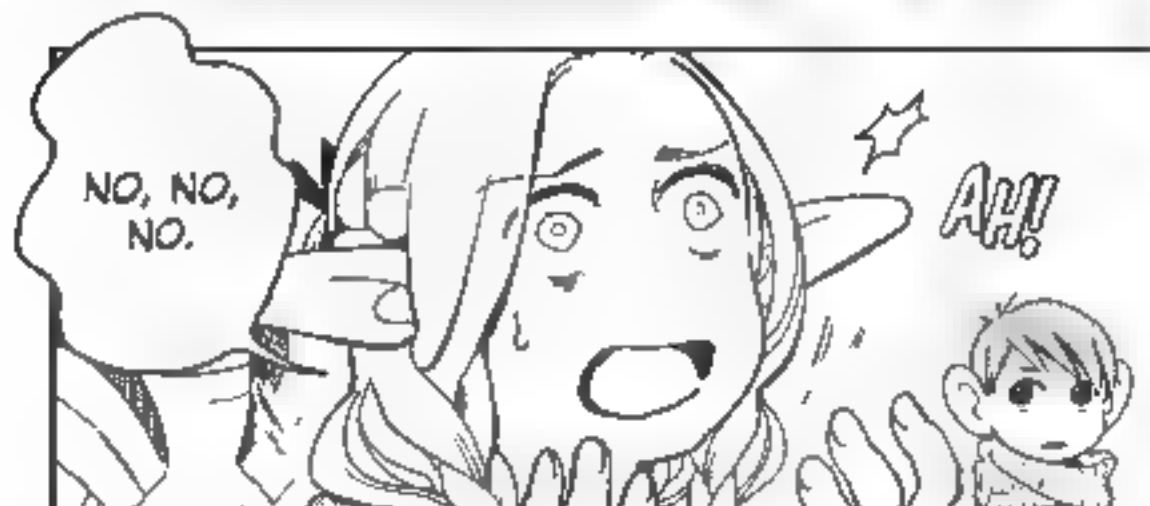
THEN WE
WOULDN'T
NEED THE
DOG.

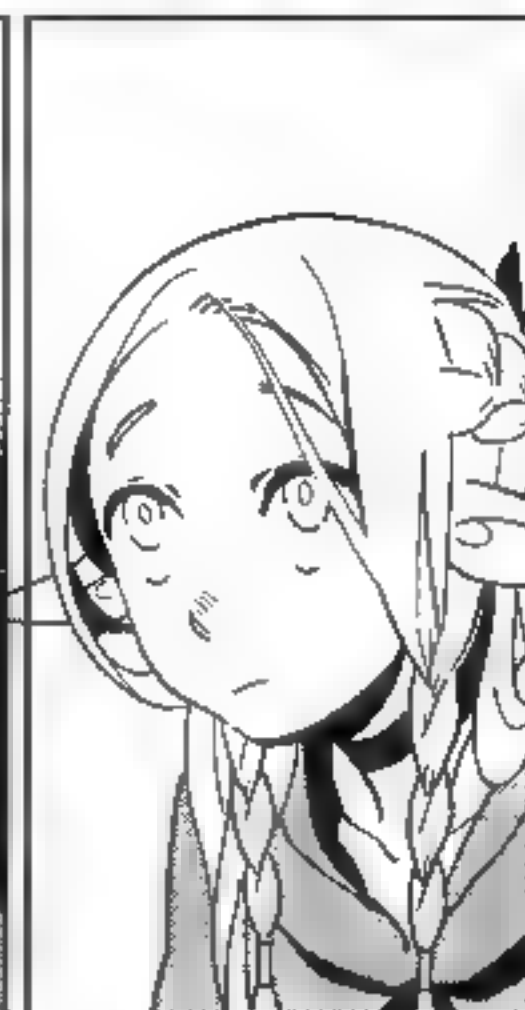
BWEH?

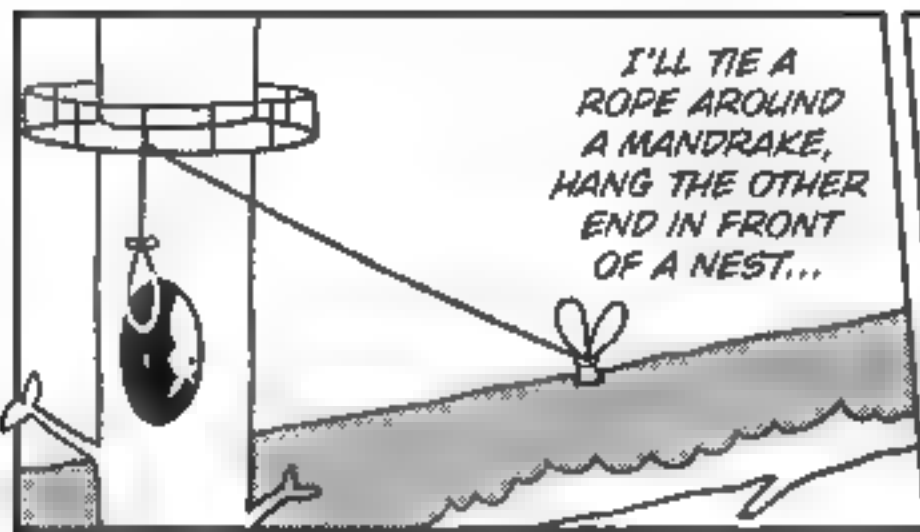


COULDN'T
WE JUST
USE A
LONG
CORD?

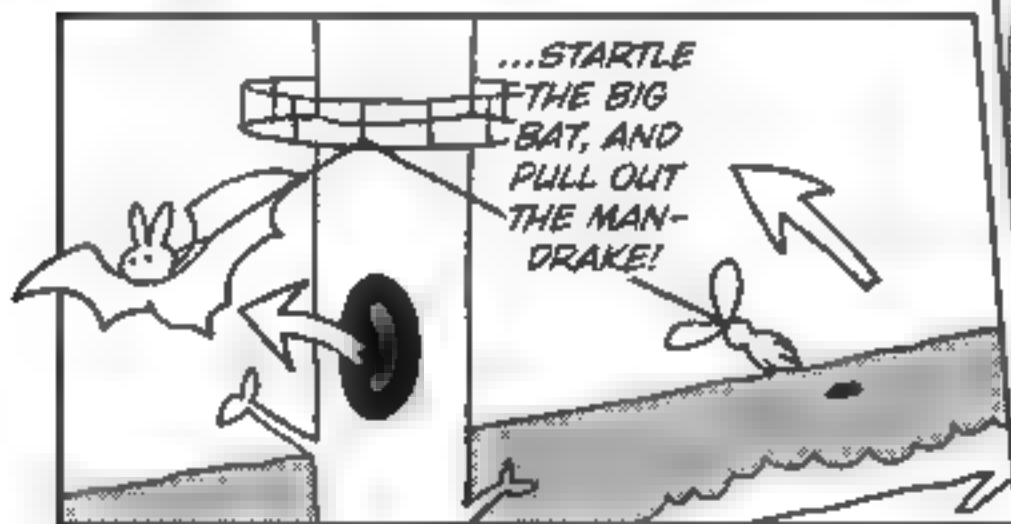
HUH?







I'LL TIE A
ROPE AROUND
A MANDRAKE,
HANG THE OTHER
END IN FRONT
OF A NEST...



...STARTLE
THE BIG
BAT, AND
PULL OUT
THE MAN-
DRAKE!



THE
MONSTERS
AROUND
HERE ARE
BIG BATS.

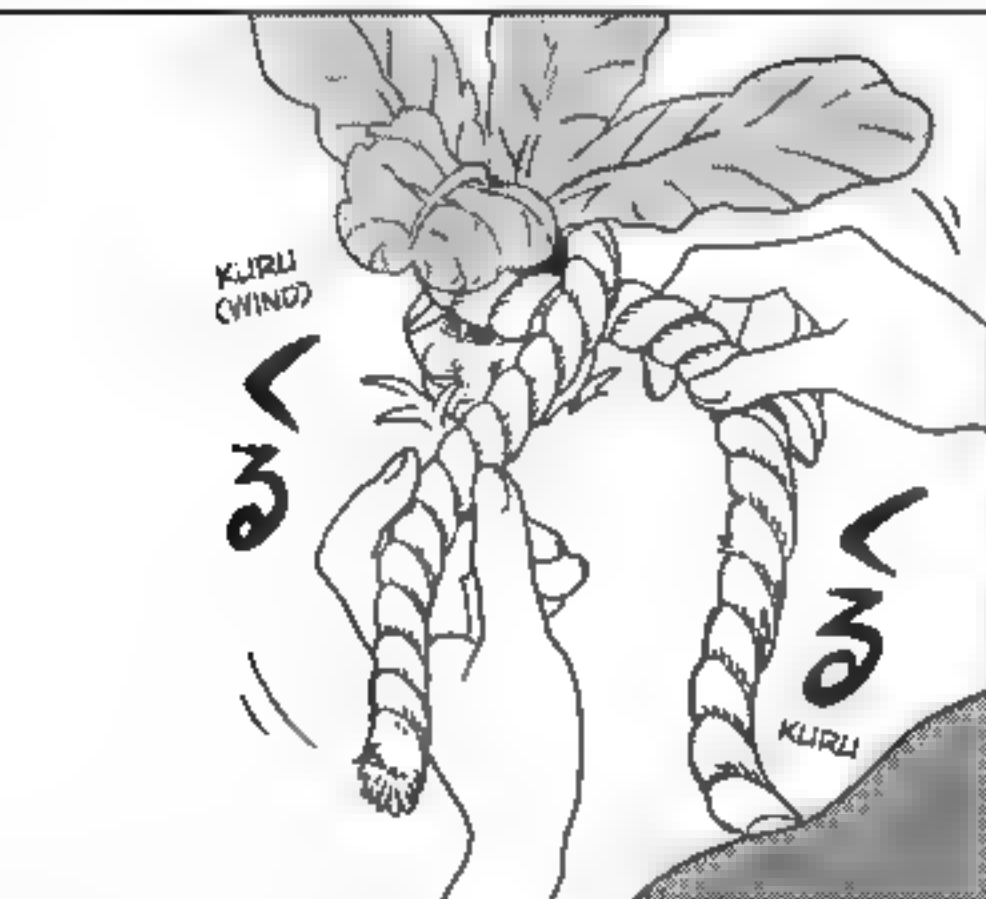
THEY
SHOULD
BE
ASLEEP
IN THEIR
NESTS
NOW.



...I'LL USE
A MONSTER
TO PULL IT
OUT!

SHURU
(COIL)

SHURU



KURU
(WIND)

KURU



KOSO
(BNEAK)

KOSO

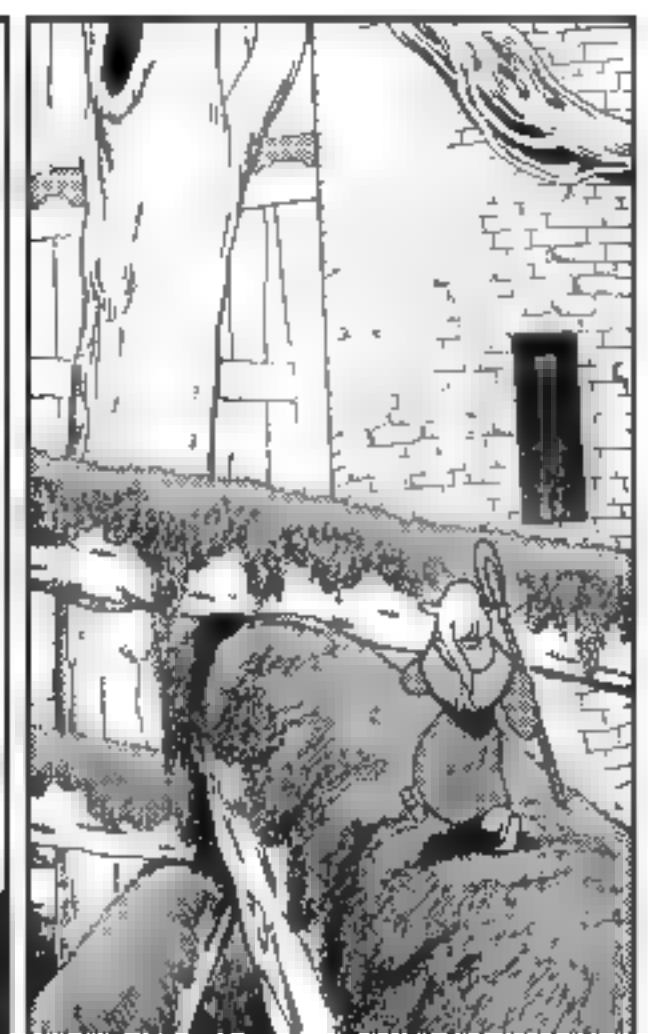
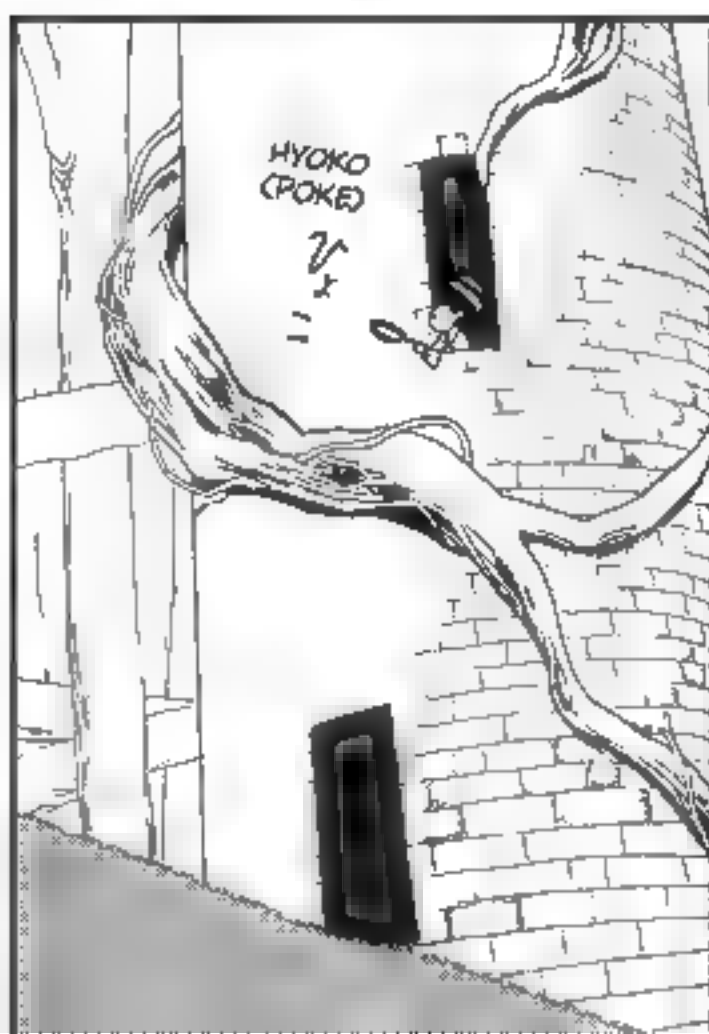
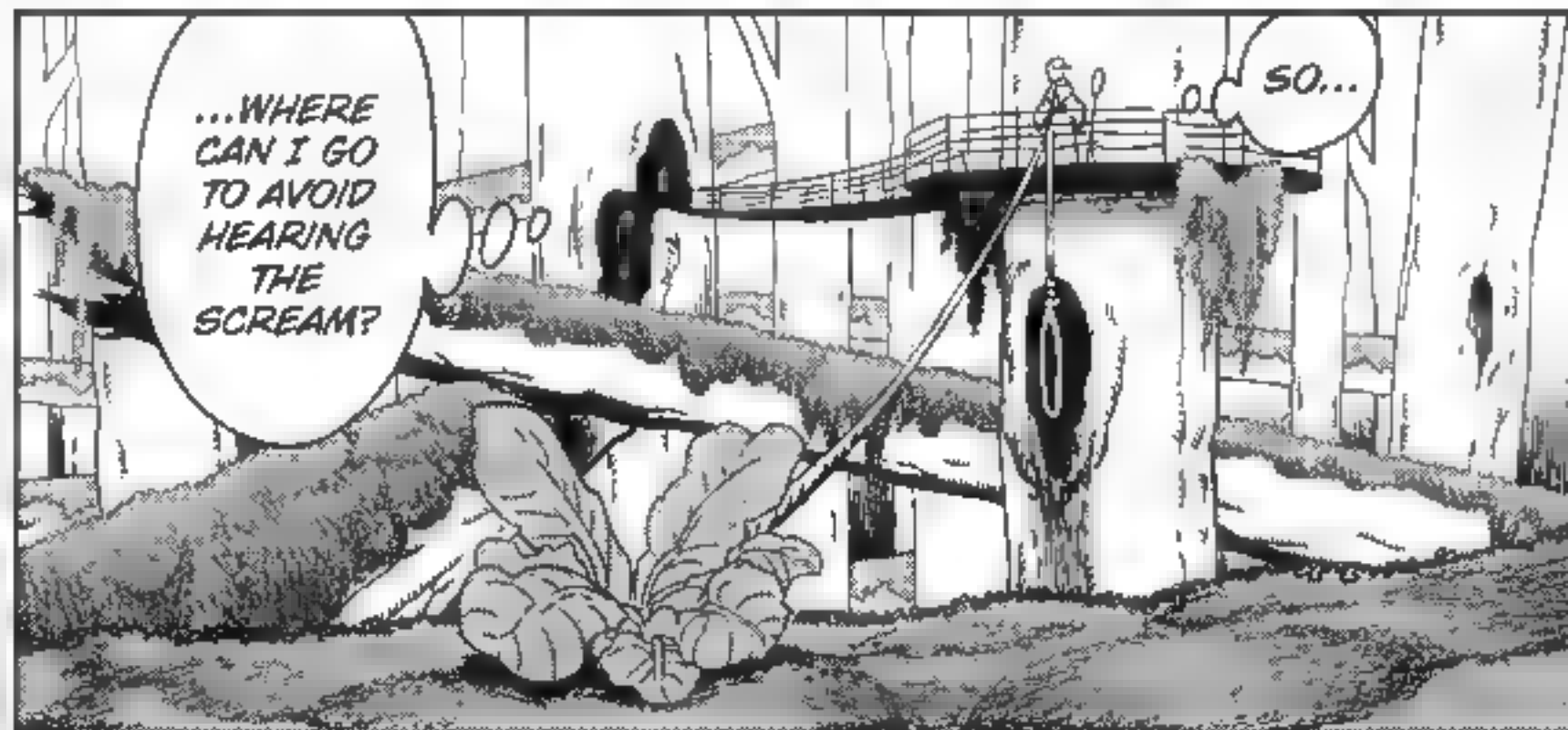
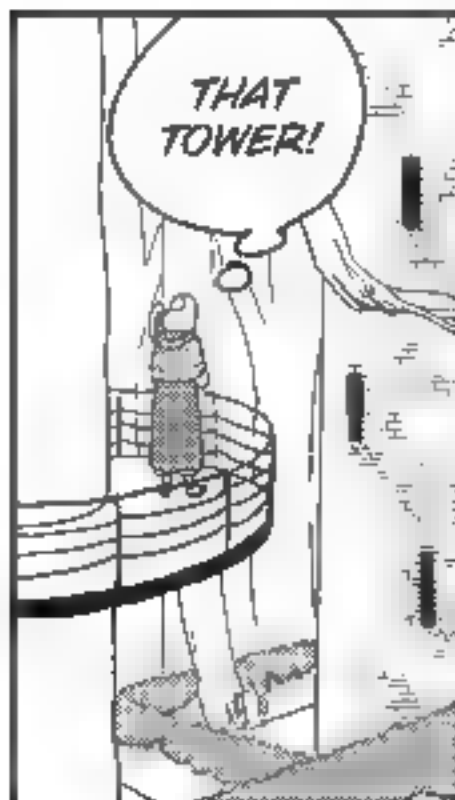
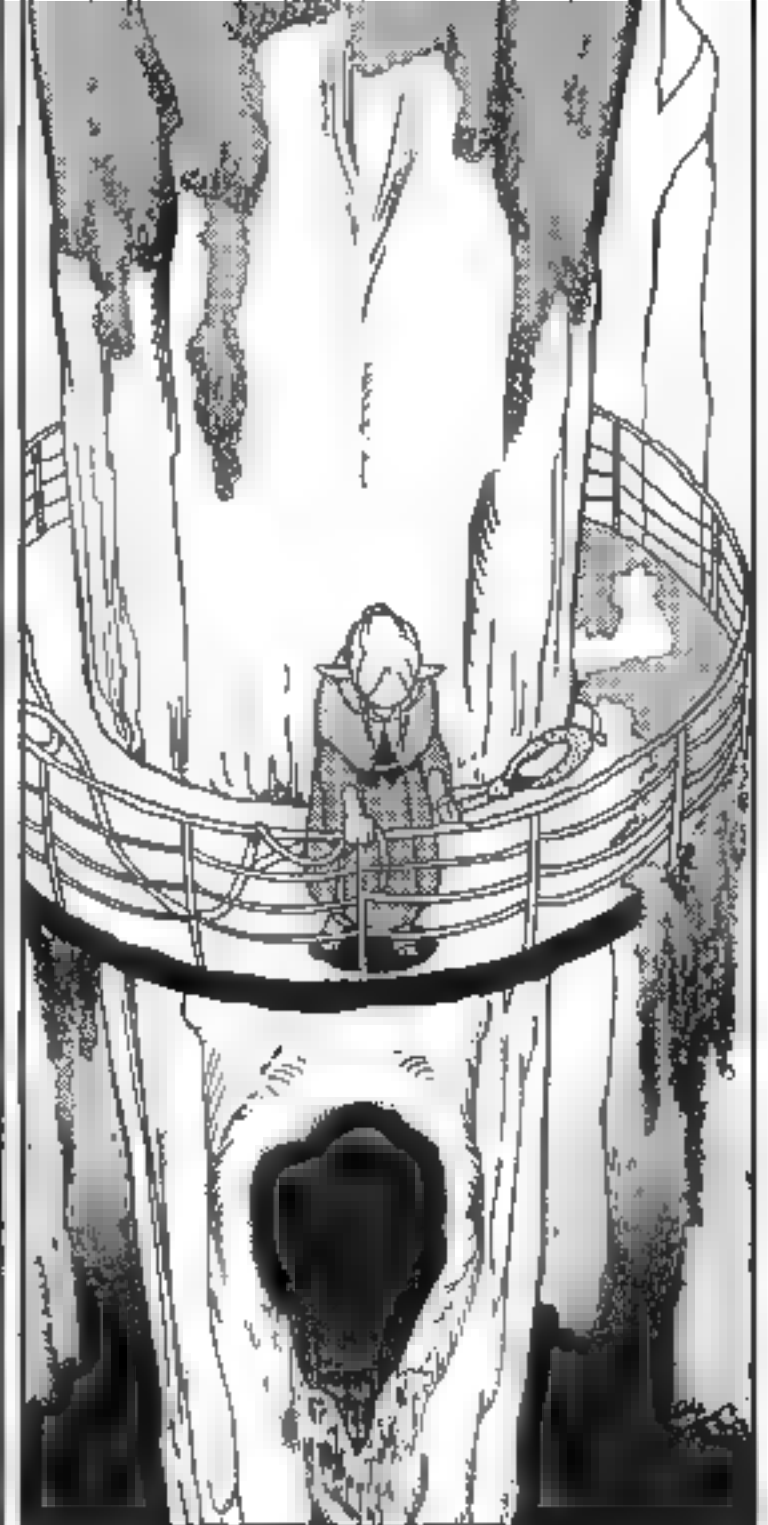


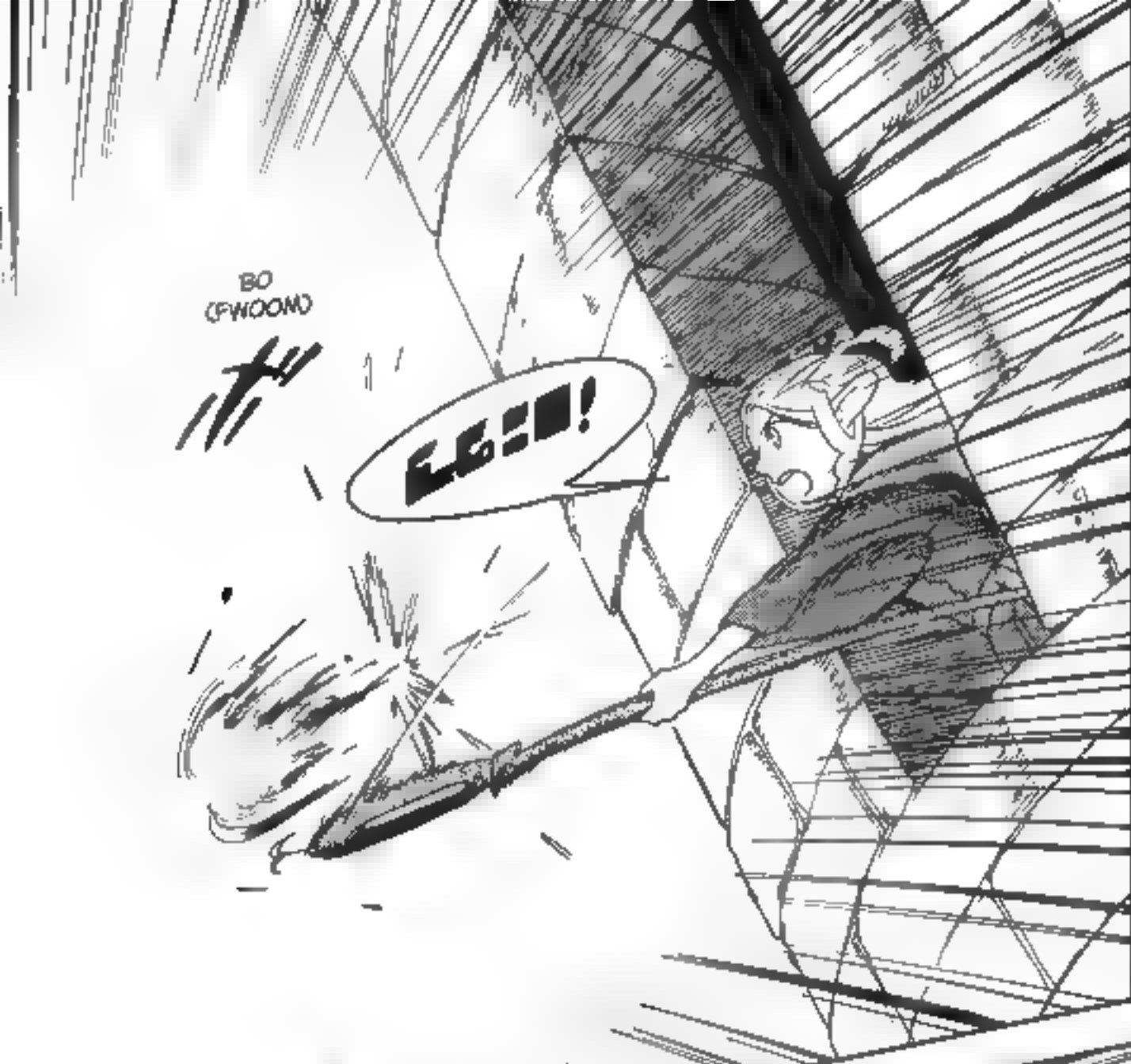
THE BOOK
DIDN'T
SAY HOW
TIGHT IT
SHOULD
BE.

GYU
(CINCH)



IS THIS
RIGHT?





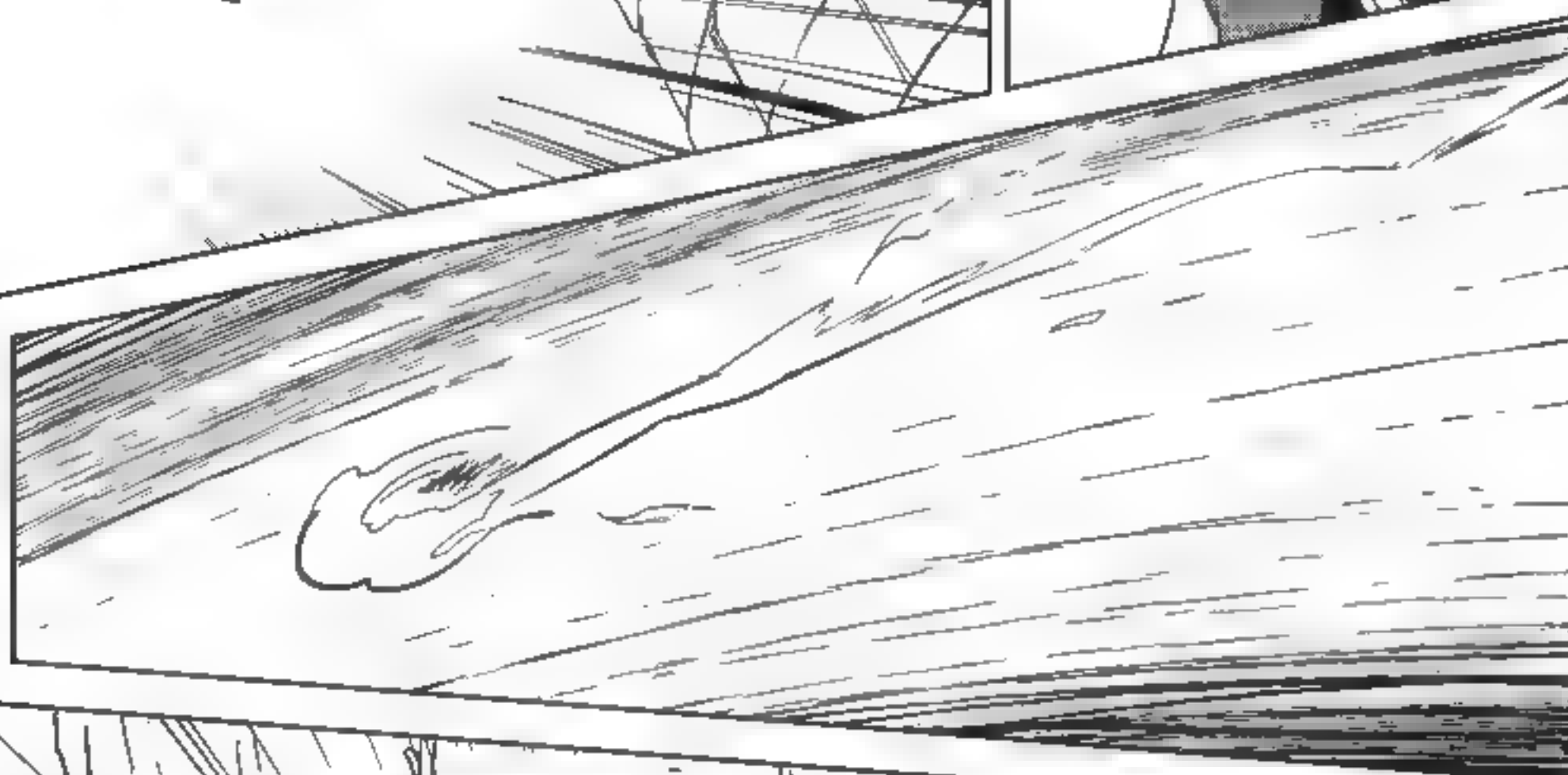
BO
(FWOOND)

BOOM!



HERE G...

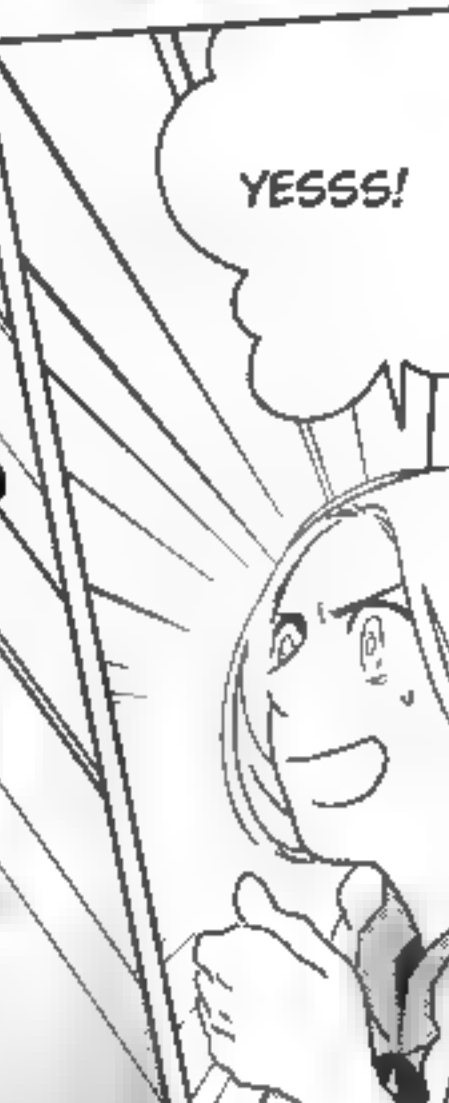
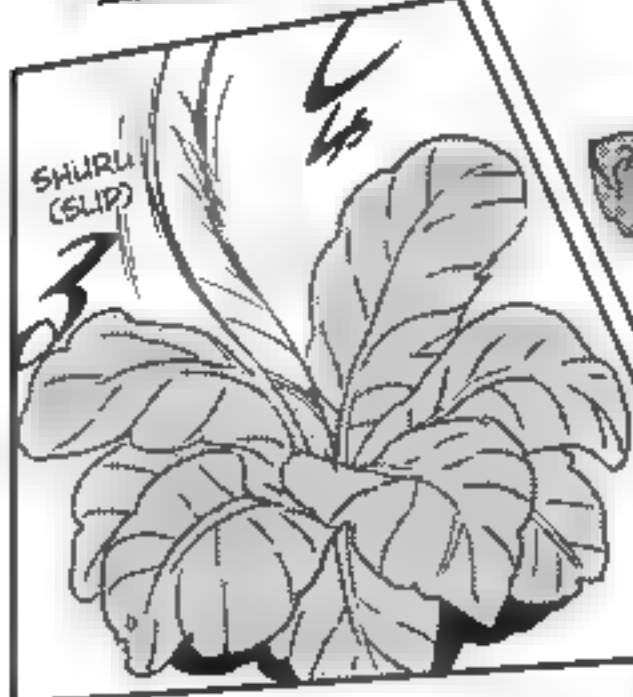
AIM
CARE-
FULLY,
AND...



BOFU
(BOOMF)

!!?

7





WHOA!
WHAT IS
THAT?

MAR-
CILLE!?

IT'S
OUT!

ZONA
(SHUDDER)

ゼッ
ッ

!?!



AT LEAST
NOW I KNOW
WHY YOU
SHOULDN'T
USE BIG BATS
INSTEAD
OF DOGS.

Ah
Ah

NO.

ACTUAL
PRACTICE
REALLY IS
IMPORTANT.

WAIT...

M-MAR-
CILLE...

DOGOMU
(KABOOM)

GEHI

BECAUSE
THE CRAZED
BIG BAT
MIGHT FALL
ON YOU
WITH THE
MANDRAKE.





KEEP TALK-
ING TO
HER.

SHE
SHOULD
GET
MORE
LUCID.



NO,
YOU'RE
REALLY
NOT.

SHE
HEARD
THE
SCREAM.



I'M
THE
VERY
PIC-
TURE OF
HEALTH,
GOOD
SIR.

YES.



WHAT'S
WITH THIS
CHICK?

CHIL-
CHUCK!

SO I
THOUGHT,
"I WANT
TO STICK IT
TO THESE
LOSERS
AND MAKE
THEM
GROVEL."



OH!

I'M
SOR-

I WAS
ANXIOUS
BECAUSE
SOMEONE
SAID I
WAS HOLD-
ING YOU
BACK.



GIMME
A ROPE.



I AM
UNABLE
TO DO
ANYTHING
FOR YOU,
AND IT'S
LONELY.

EVERYONE
HAS THEIR
STRENGTHS
AND WEAK-
NESSES.

DRAINING
THE BLOOD

YOUR
MAGIC
WILL
BE OUR
BIGGEST
ASSET.

I DIDN'T
WANT TO
TIRE YOU
OUT ON
THESE
SURFACE
LEVELS.

THE
DEEPER
INTO THE
DUNGEON
WE GO, THE
STRONGER
THE
MONSTERS
WILL GET.

GO
ON,
CHIL-
CHUCK.
YOU
TOO.

YOU
CAN RELY
ON US A
BIT MORE,
YOU
KNOW.

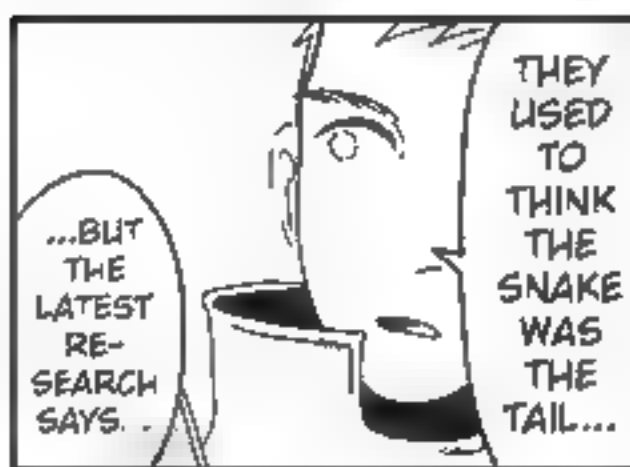
I WANT
TO COUNT
ON YOUR
STRENGTHS.

OTHER
PEOPLE WILL
HANDLE THE
THINGS YOU
AREN'T
GOOD AT.

YOU'RE
ALREADY
SANE
AGAIN!

PUT
MORE
FEELING
INTO
IT...

I THINK
WE'RE
REALLY
LUCKY YOU
CAME WITH
US, MAR-
CILLE.

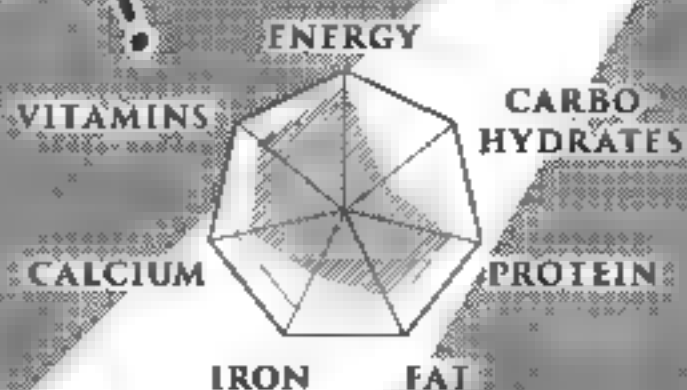




MANDRAKE AND BASILISK OMELET

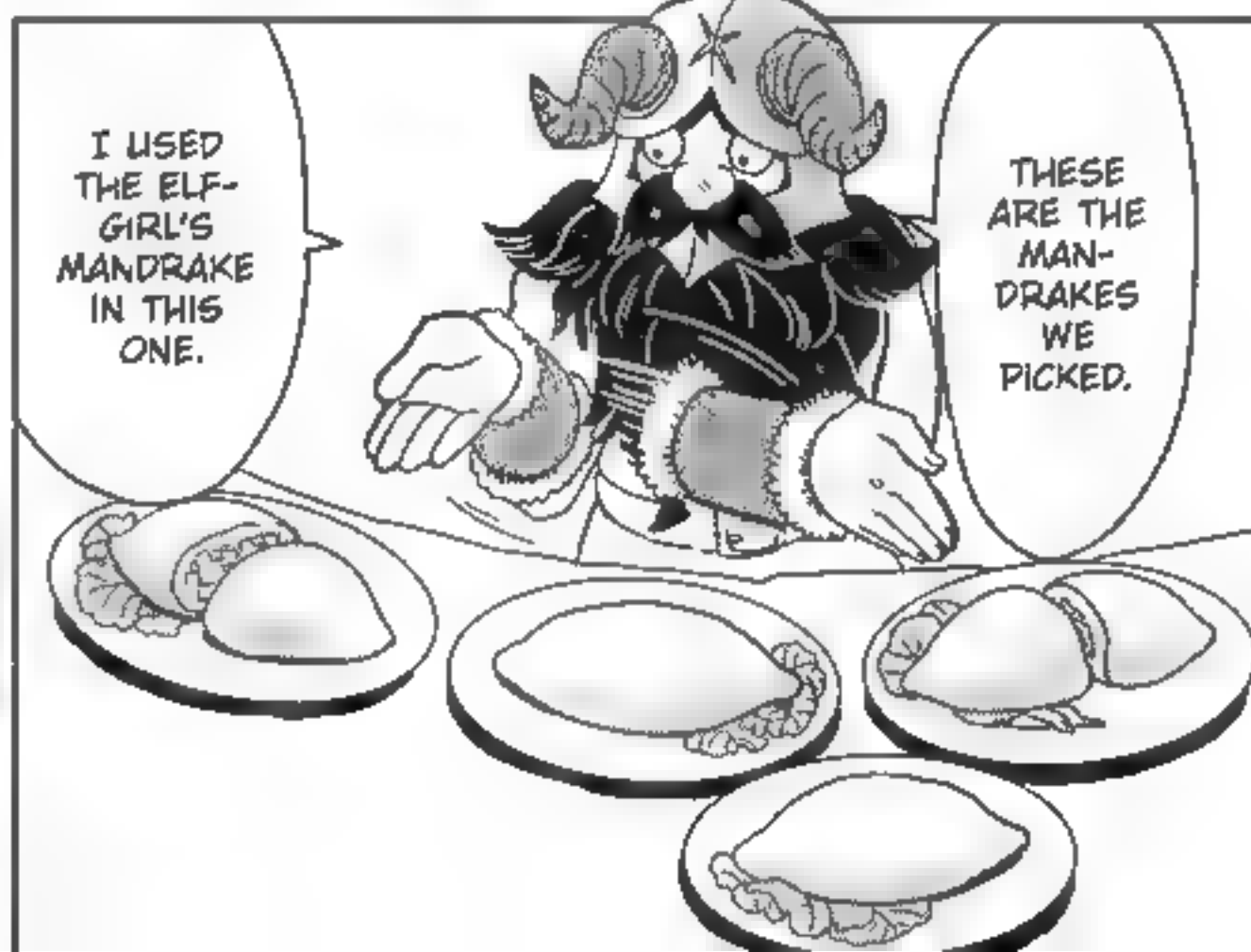
THEY'RE
DONE!

WHOA!

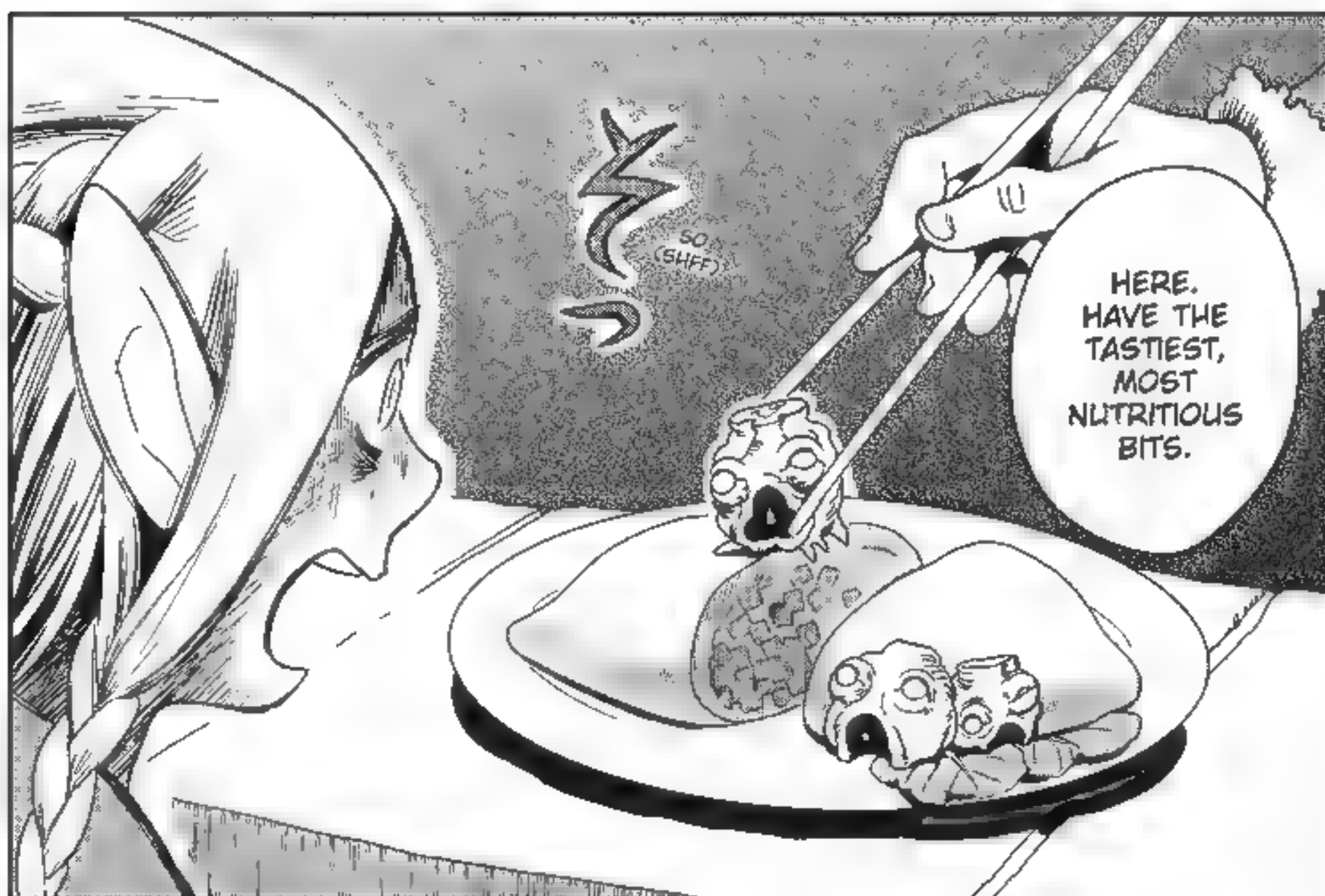


Ingredients (Serves 1)

Mandrake	1 medium
Basilisk bacon	50 g
(the nice, fatty stuff)	
Basilisk egg	1
Salt and pepper	To taste
Ketchup	To taste



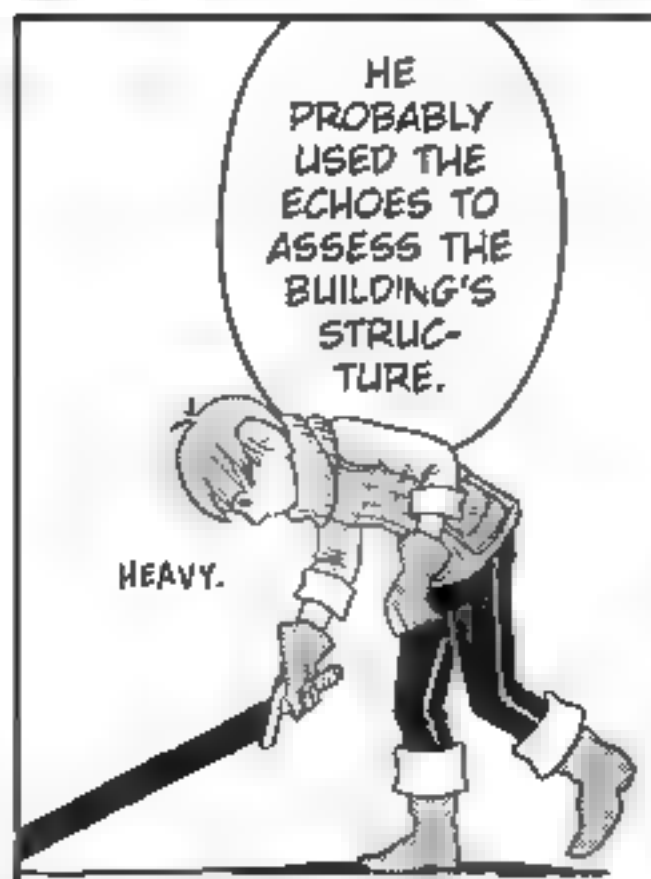




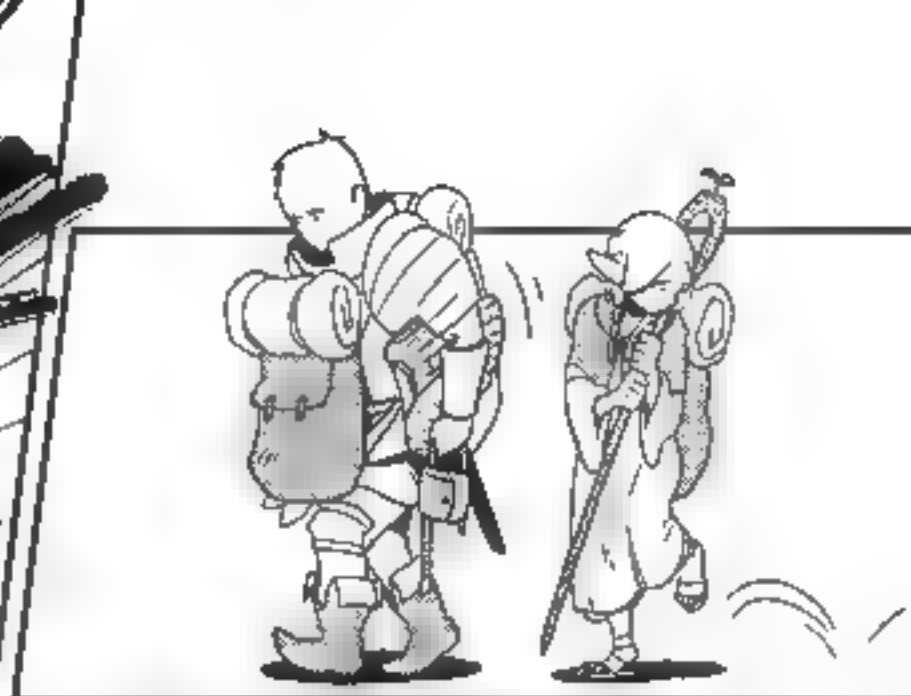
5. KAKIAGE





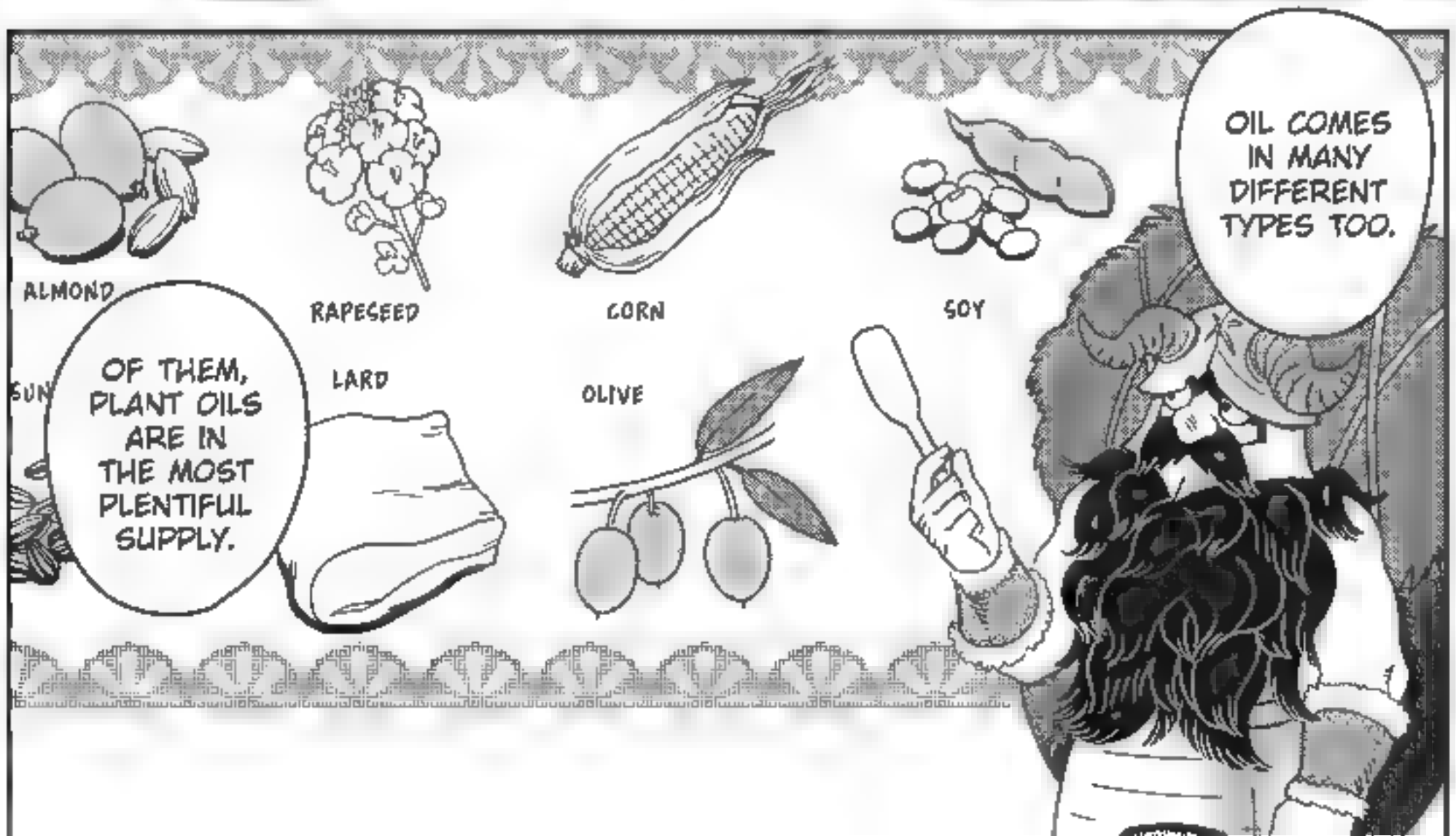












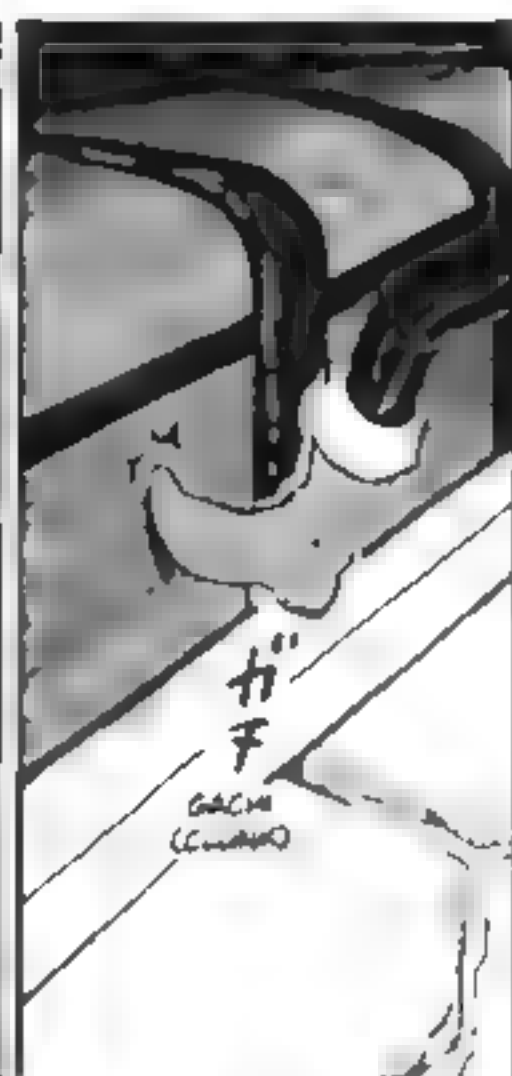




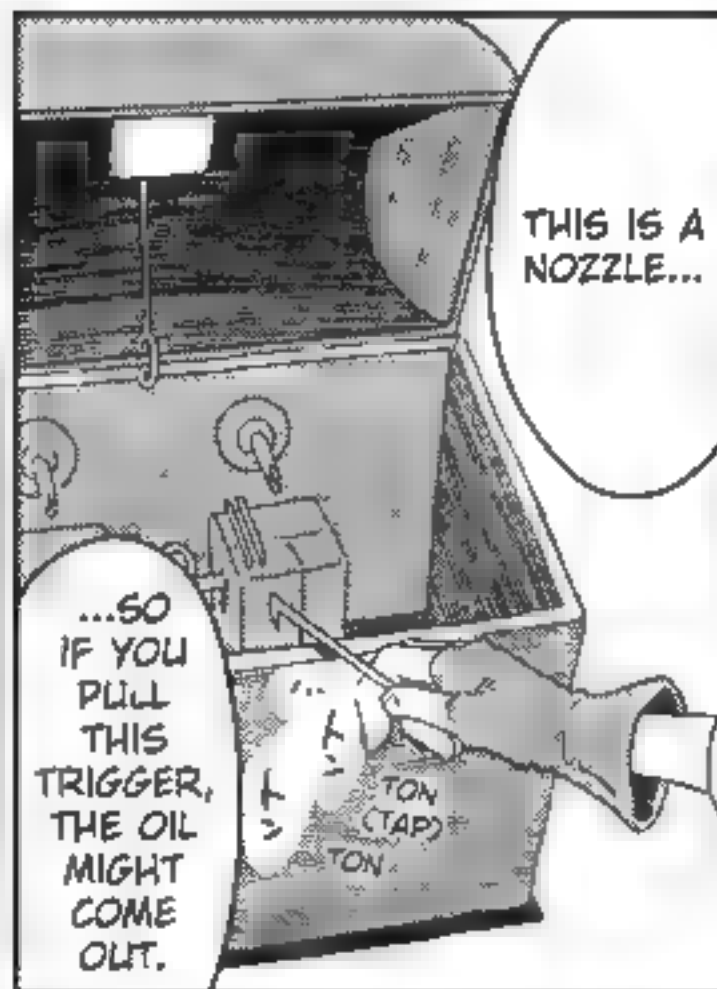
ALL THOSE TRAPS ARE PROBABLY TO PROTECT THIS PLACE FROM INTRUDERS.

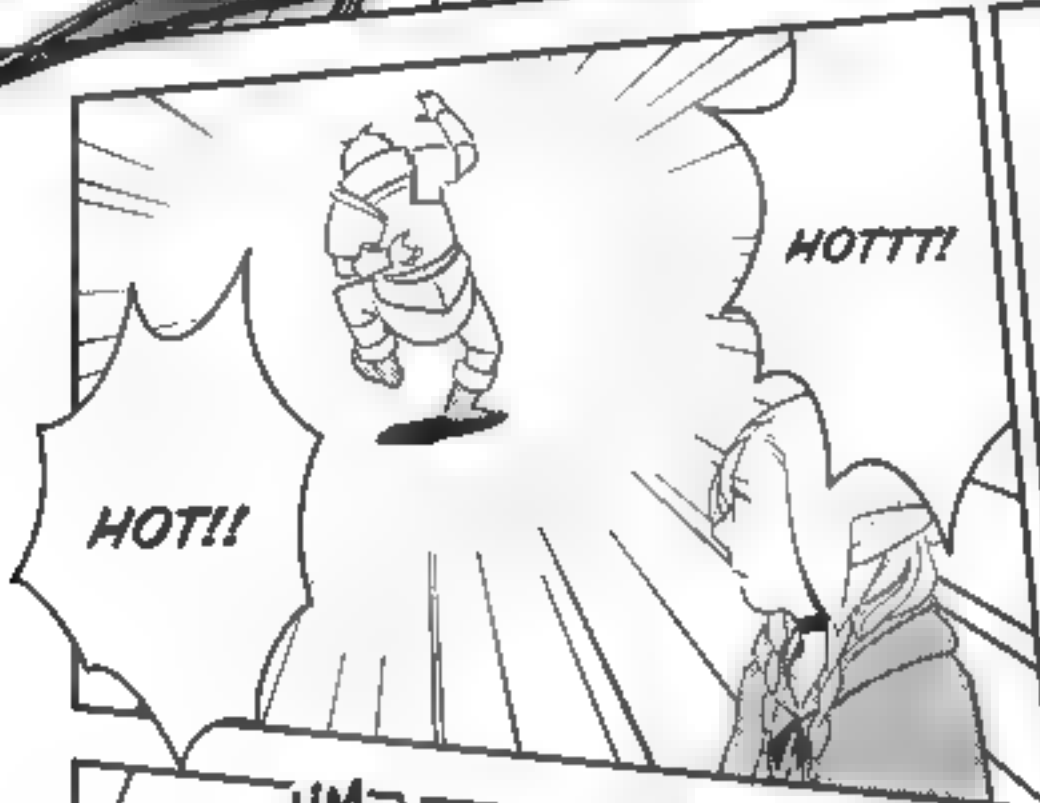


LET'S OPEN IT AND SEE.









HOTTT!

HOT!!



POTO (PLIP)



PI (SPLUT)



HM:
'BOLT
180 DEGREES.
A GOOD
TEMPERATURE
FOR FRYING.

WHAT,
YOU'RE
FINE WITH
THAT
SORT OF
THING?



I'M
FINE.

YOUR
THUMB'S
IN IT!



SHULLI
(HISS)

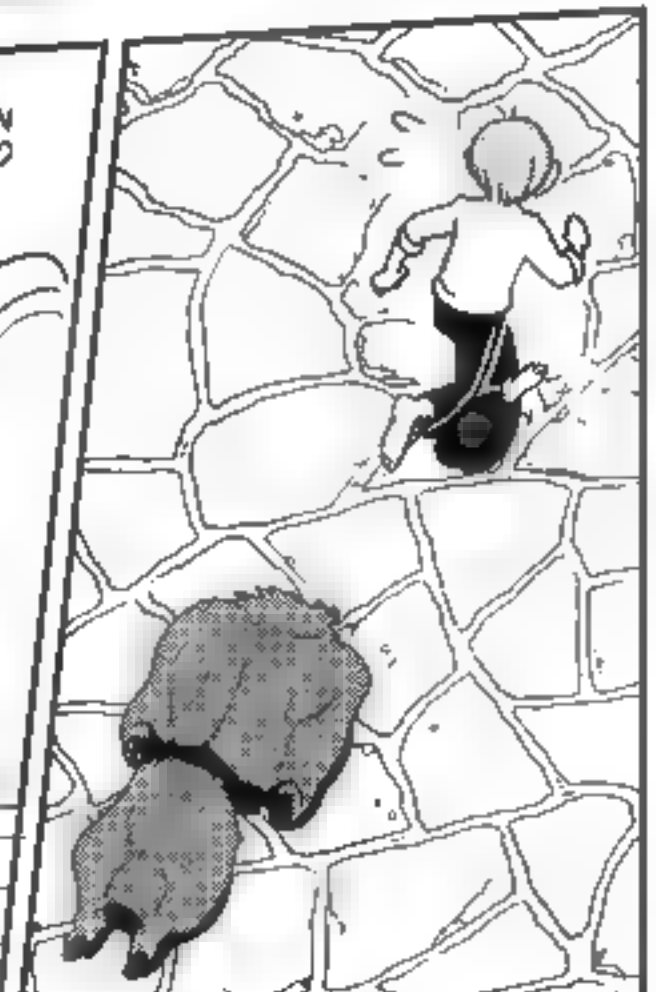
WHAT
DID I TELL
YOU!?

OH
MAN...

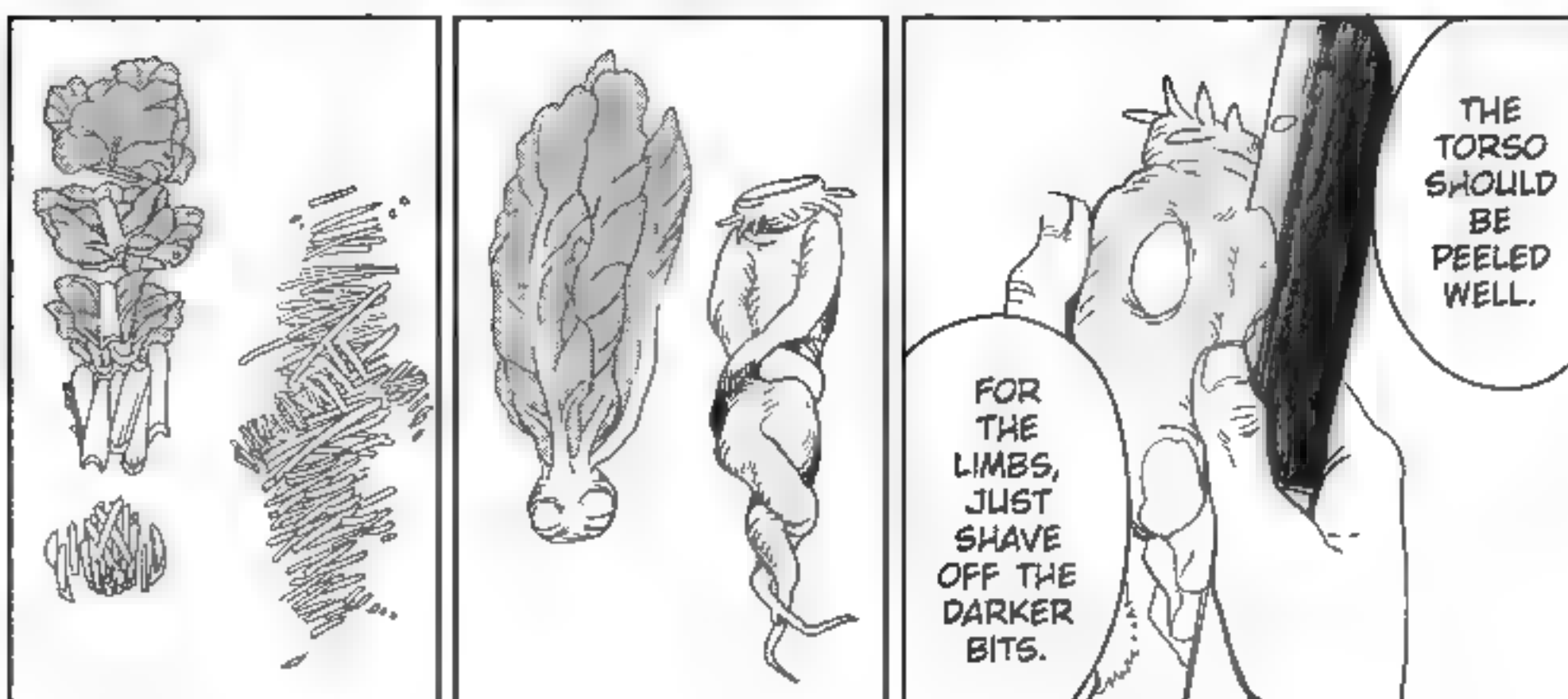
ARE
YOU
OKAY,
SENSHI?

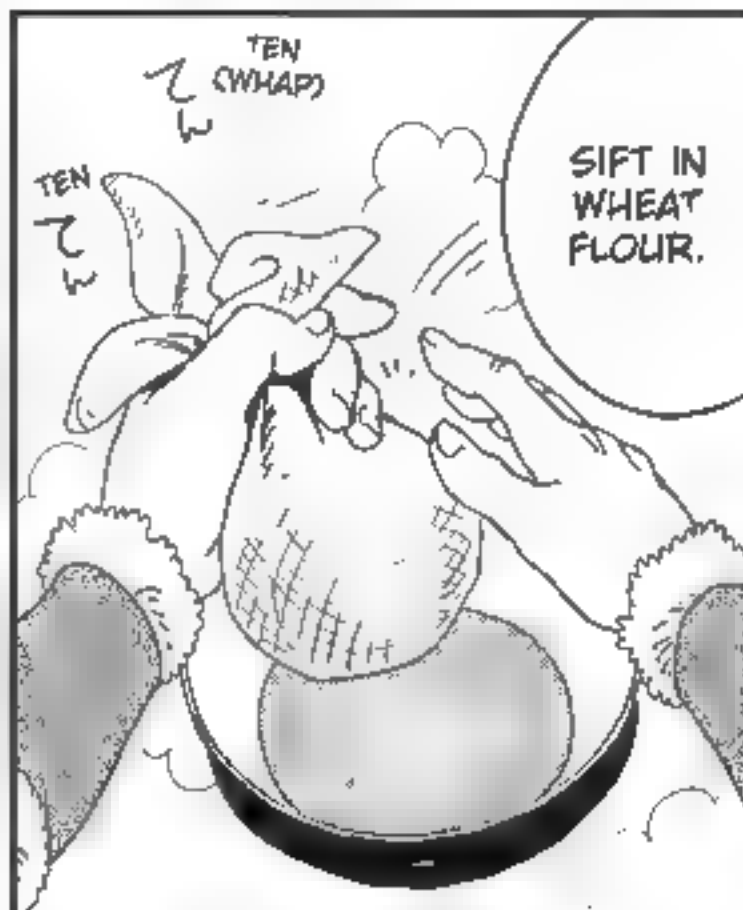


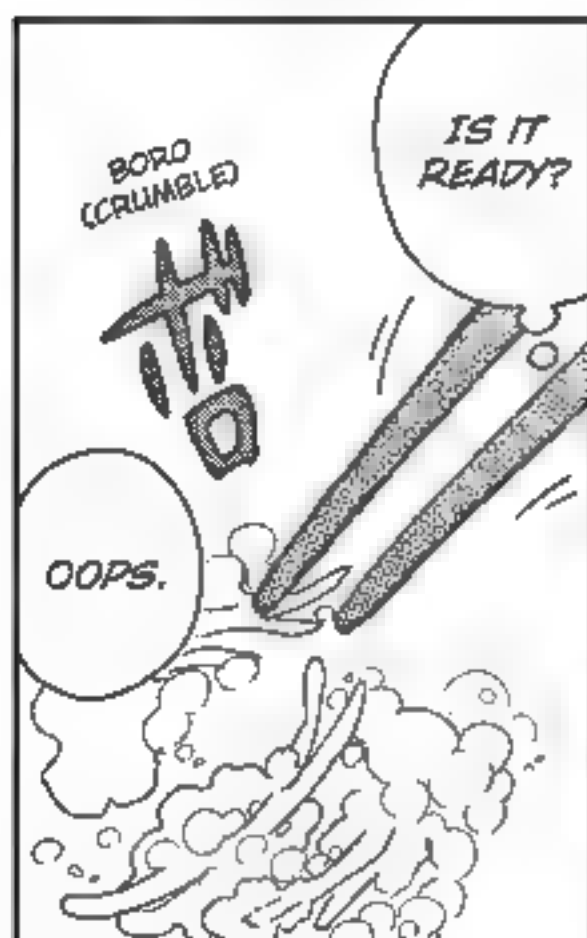
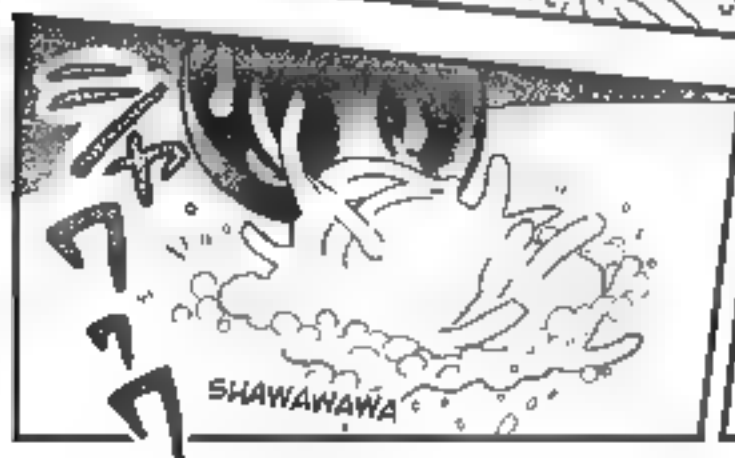












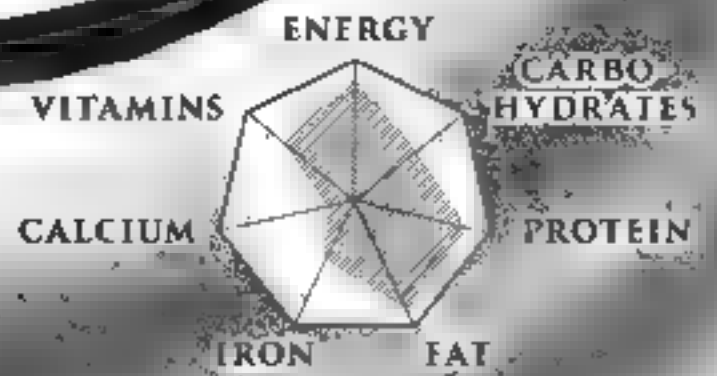
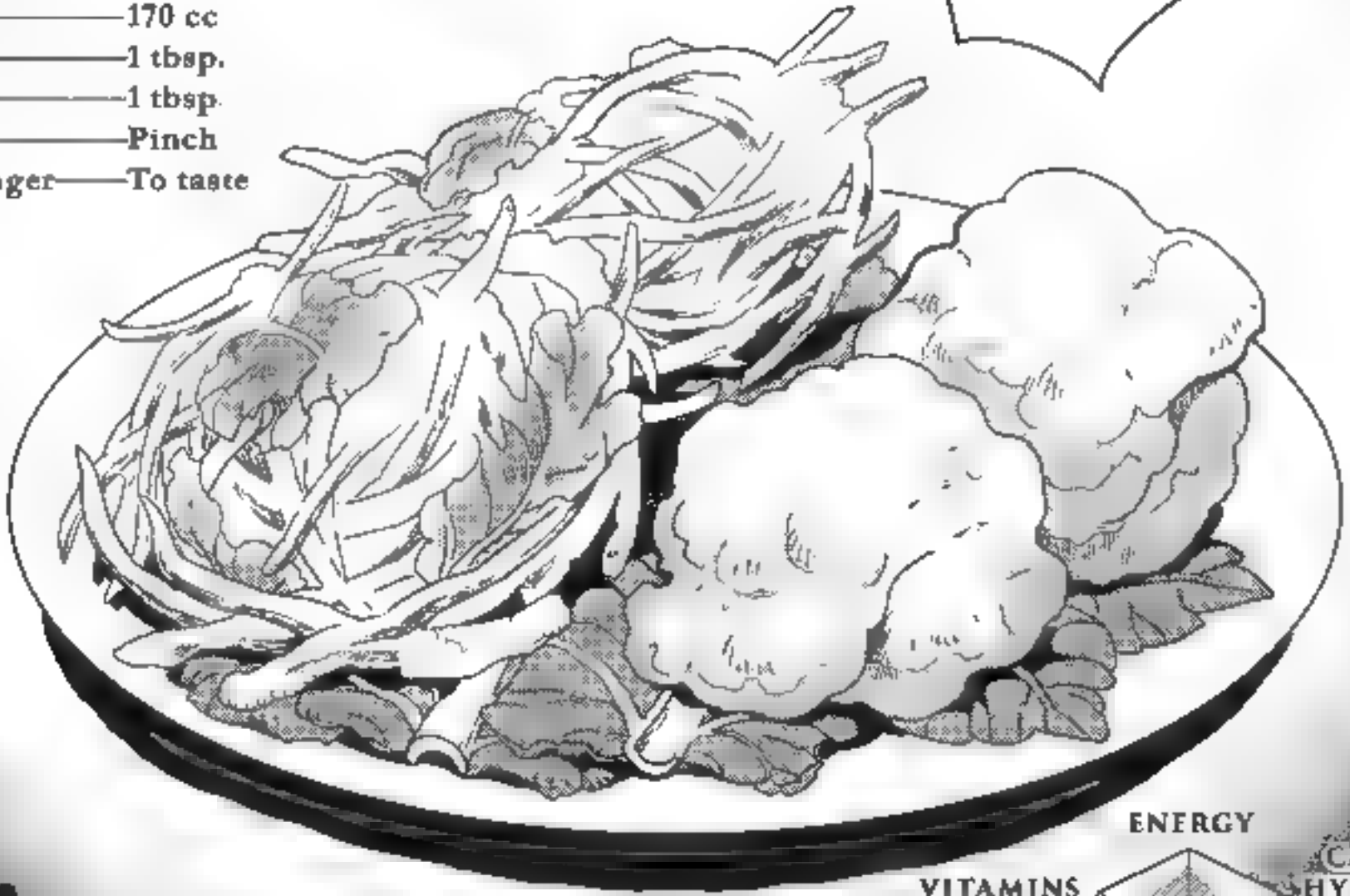


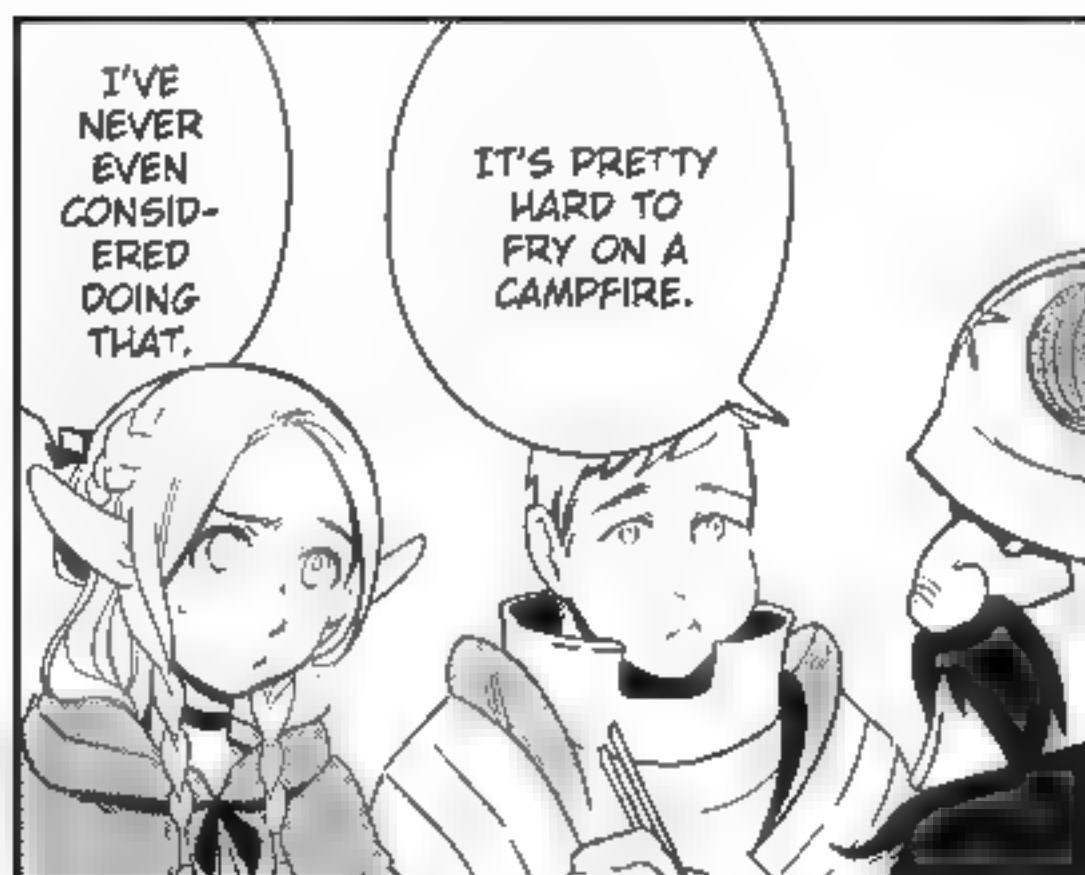
MANDRAKE KAKIAGE AND BIG BAT TEMPURA

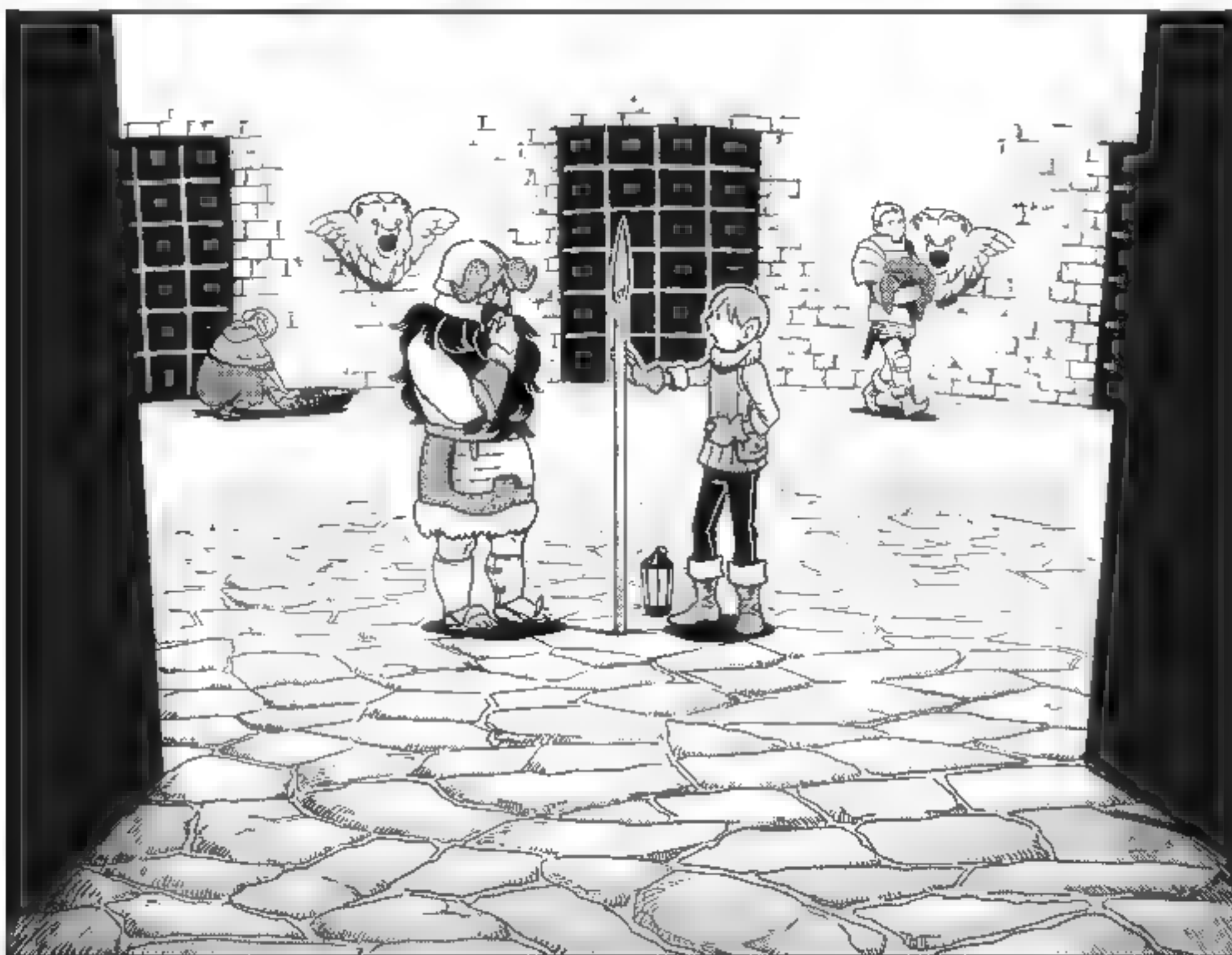
Ingredients (Serves 4)

Mandrake	3 medium
Big bat breast meat	400 g
Basilisk egg	1
Soft flour	150 g
Water	170 cc
Soy sauce	1 tbsp.
Sake	1 tbsp.
Salt	Pinch
Garlic and ginger	To taste

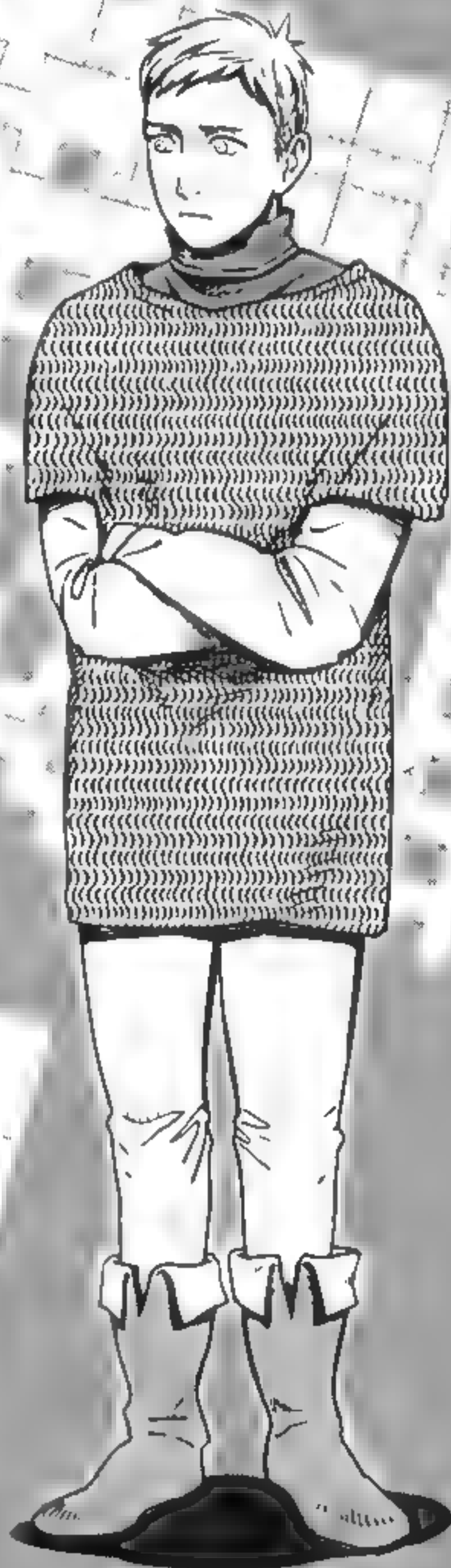
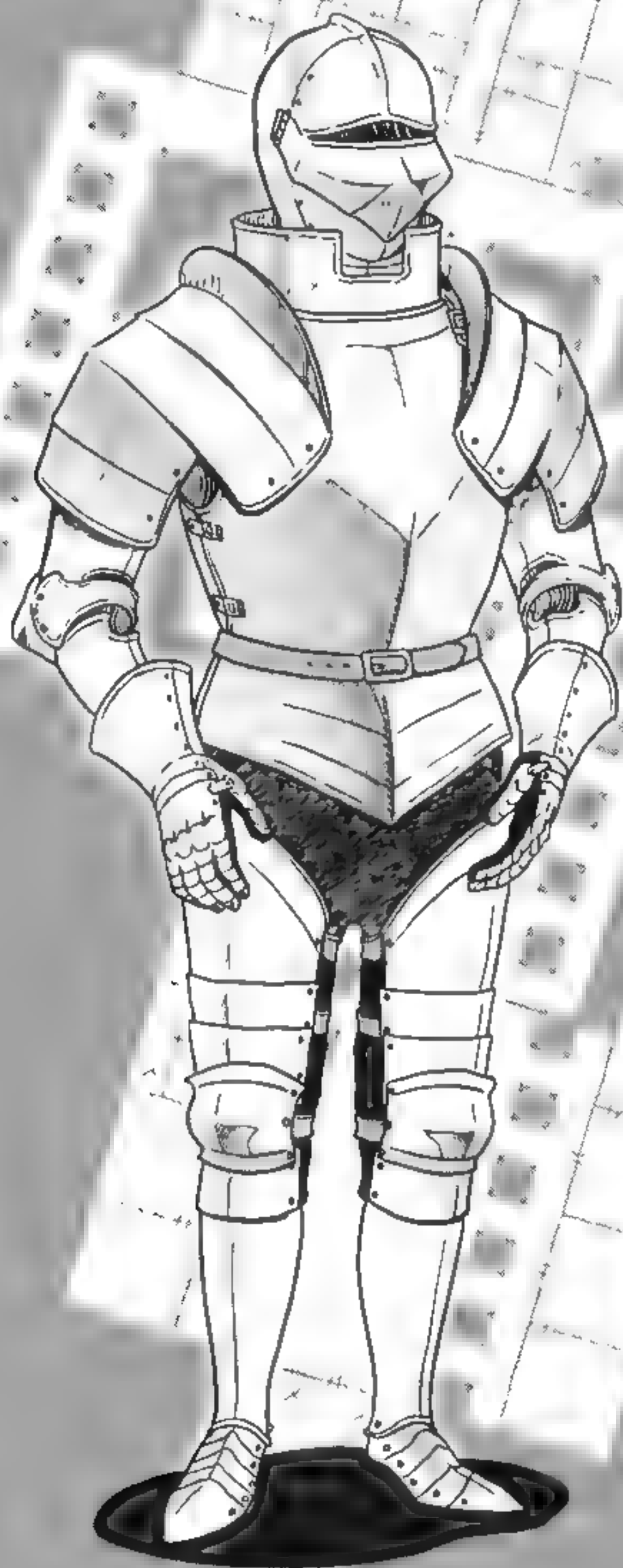
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DONE!**

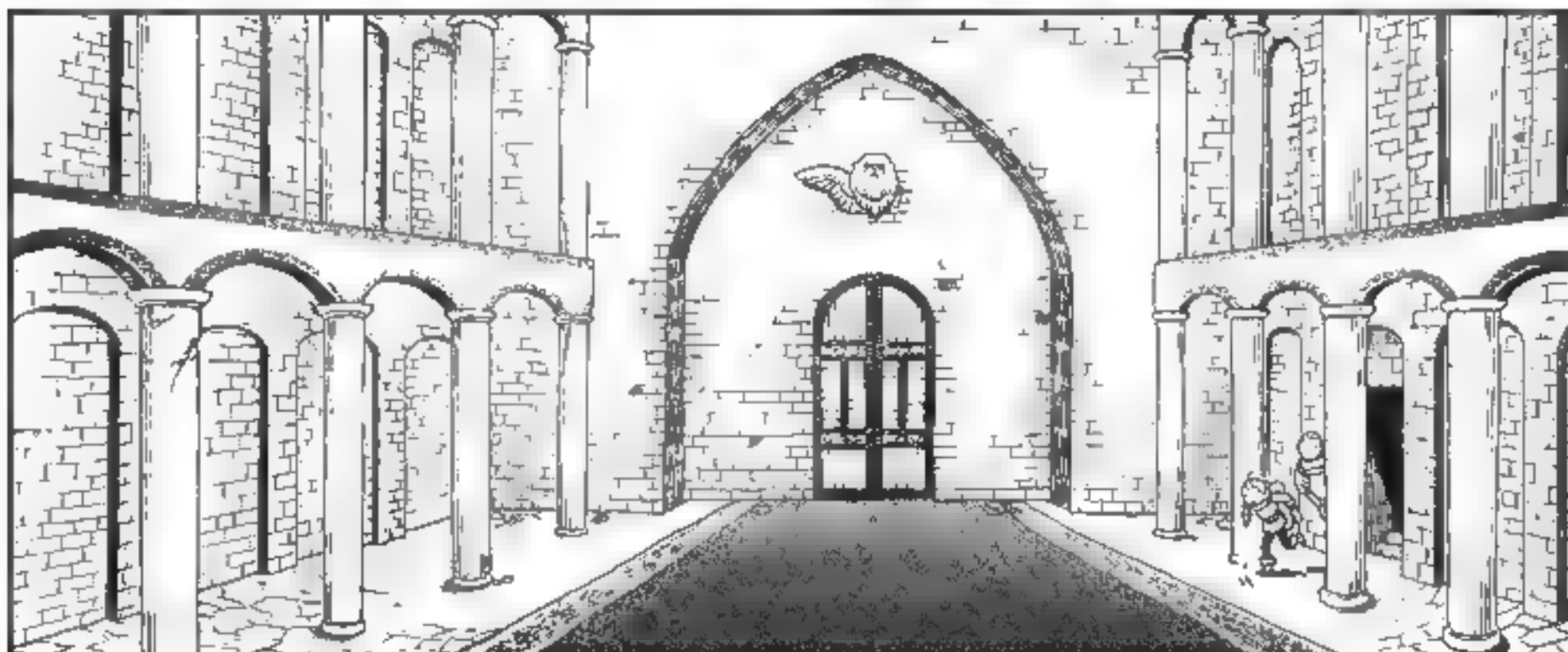
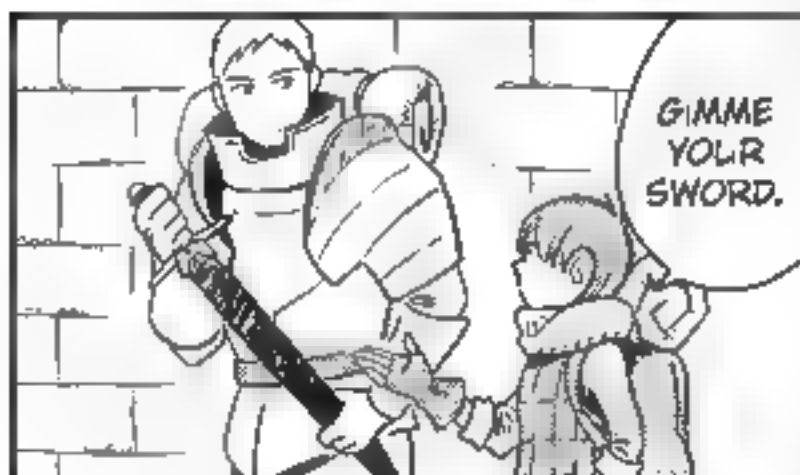
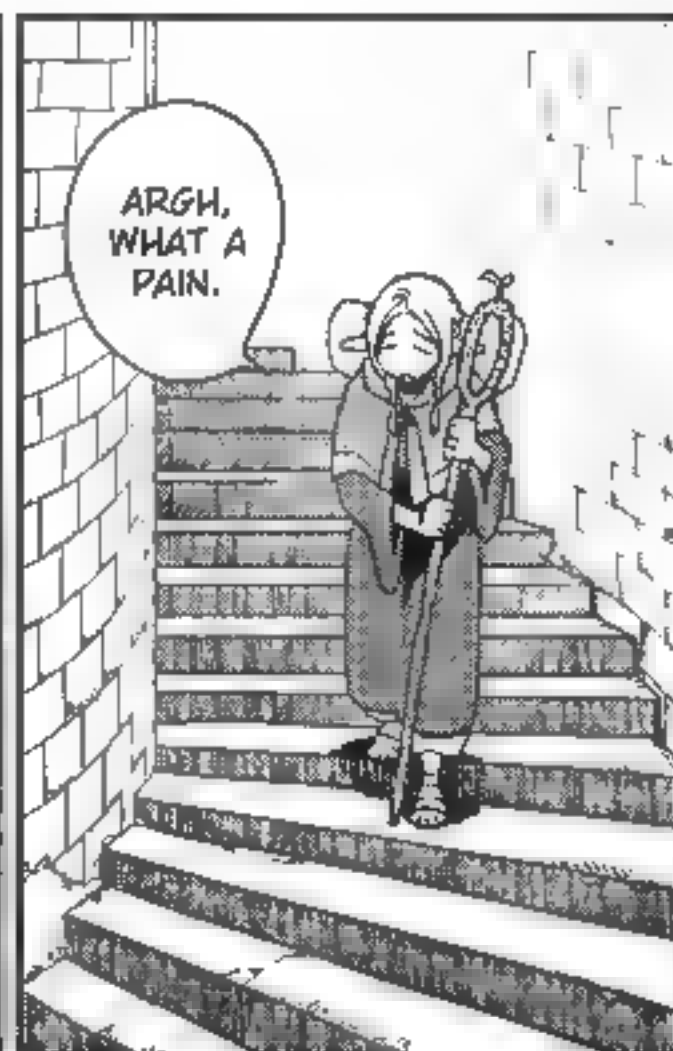
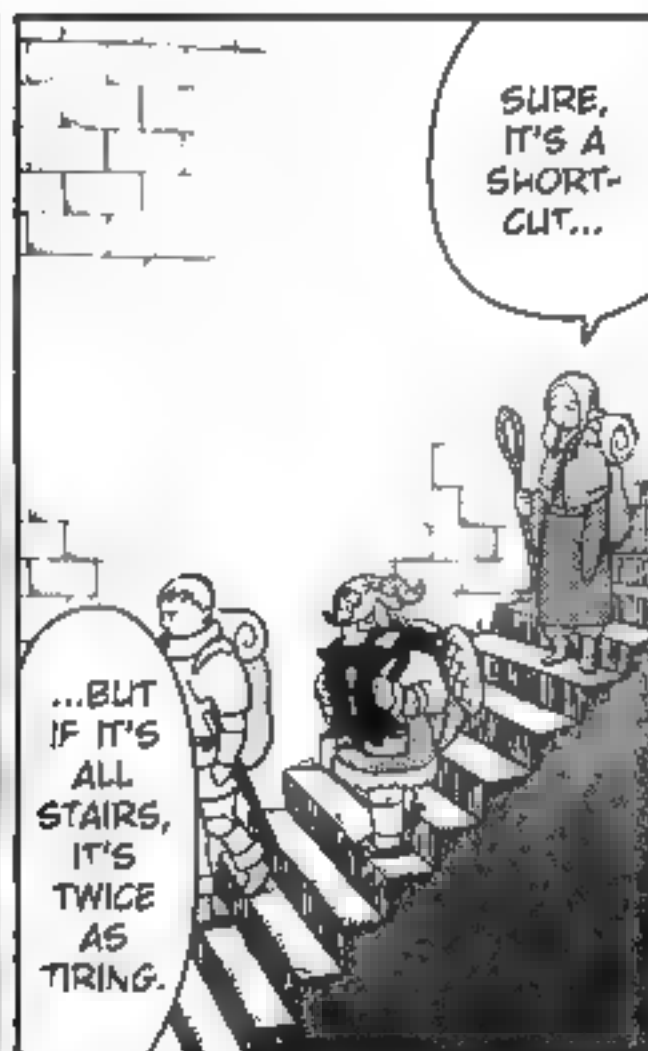


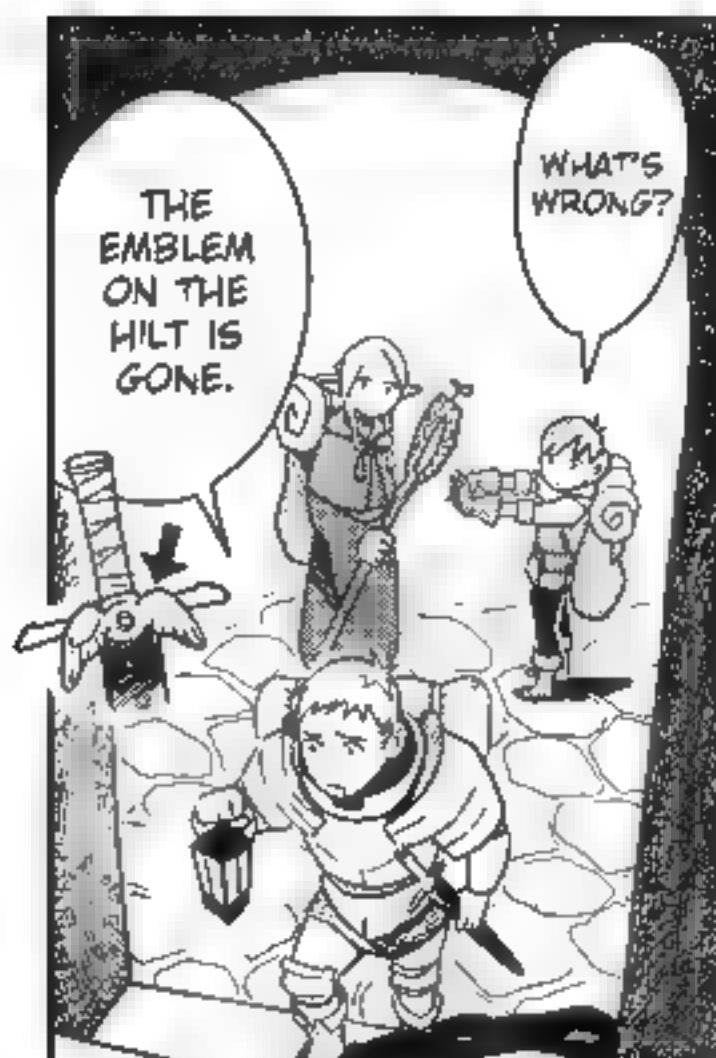




6. LIVING ARMOR -1-







SFX: GURA (WOBBLE) GURA





TO GET
SOME
EXPERIENCE,
WE JOINED
A BAND
OF GOLD-
PEELERS.



IT WAS
THREE
YEARS
AGO. WE
WERE
JUST
STARTING
OUT.



MOST
OF THIS
AREA'S
BEEN
PEELED
ALREADY.

HMM...



THIS WHOLE
CASTLE
USED TO BE
COVERED IN
GOLD. THEY
TURNED A
PROFIT BY
STRIPPING
IT OFF.

"GOLD-
PEELERS"?

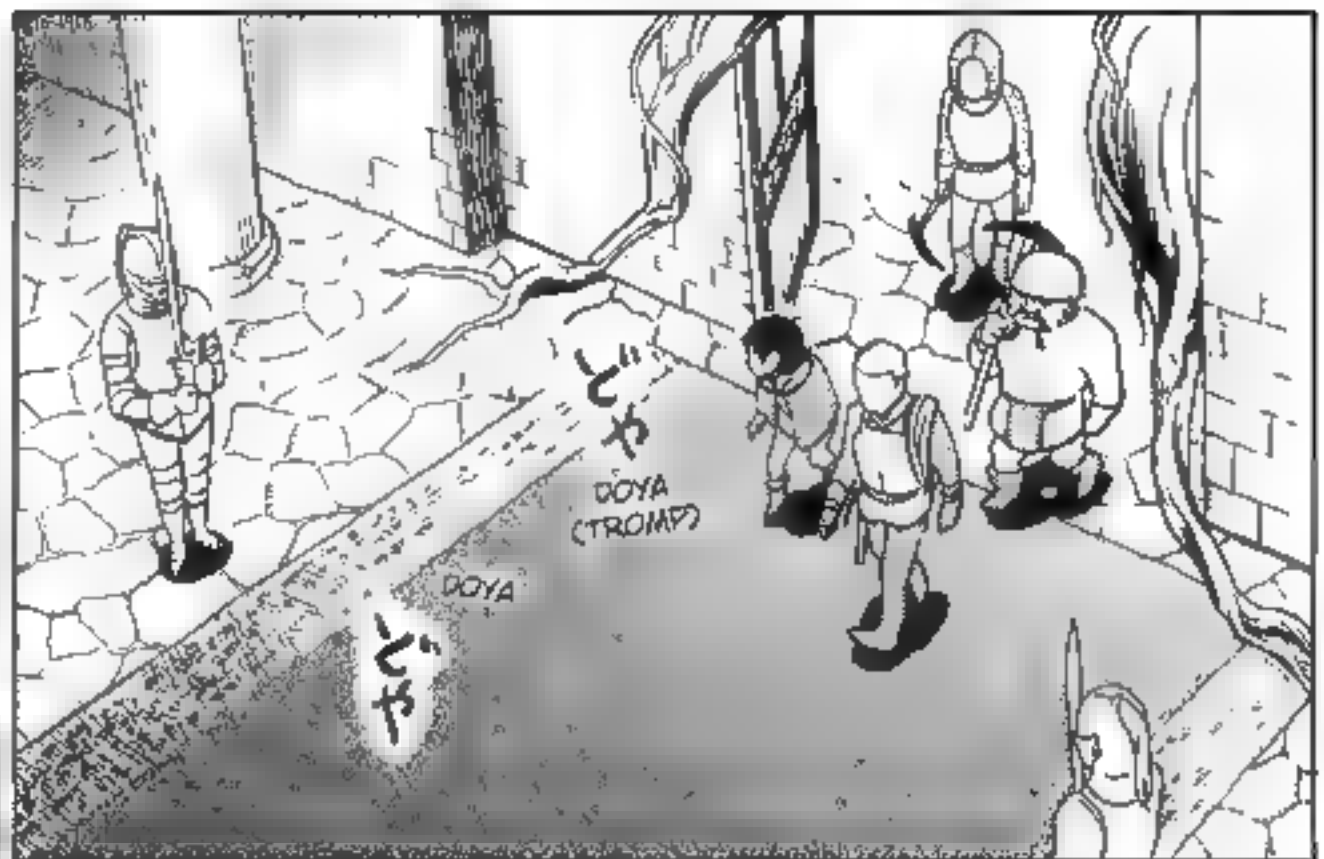
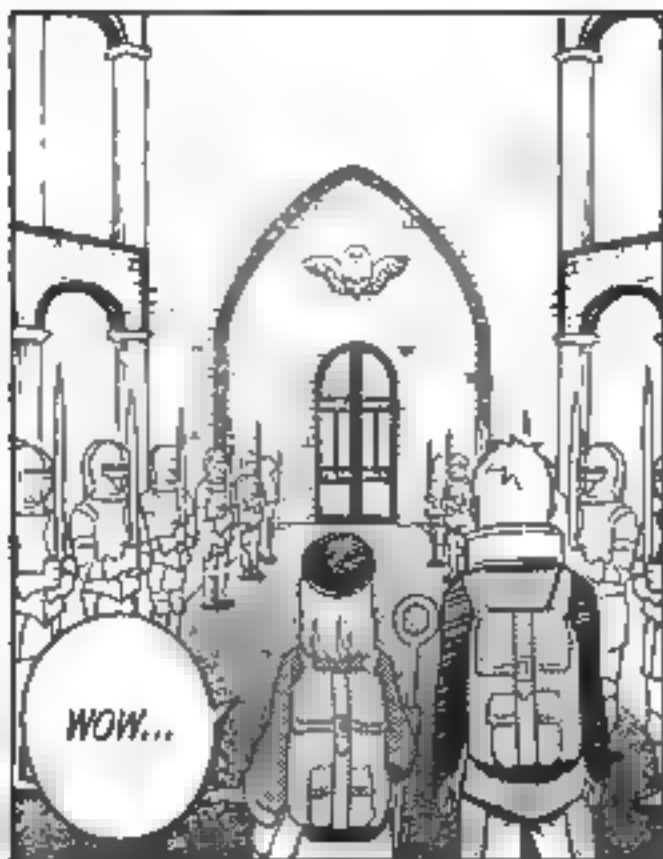


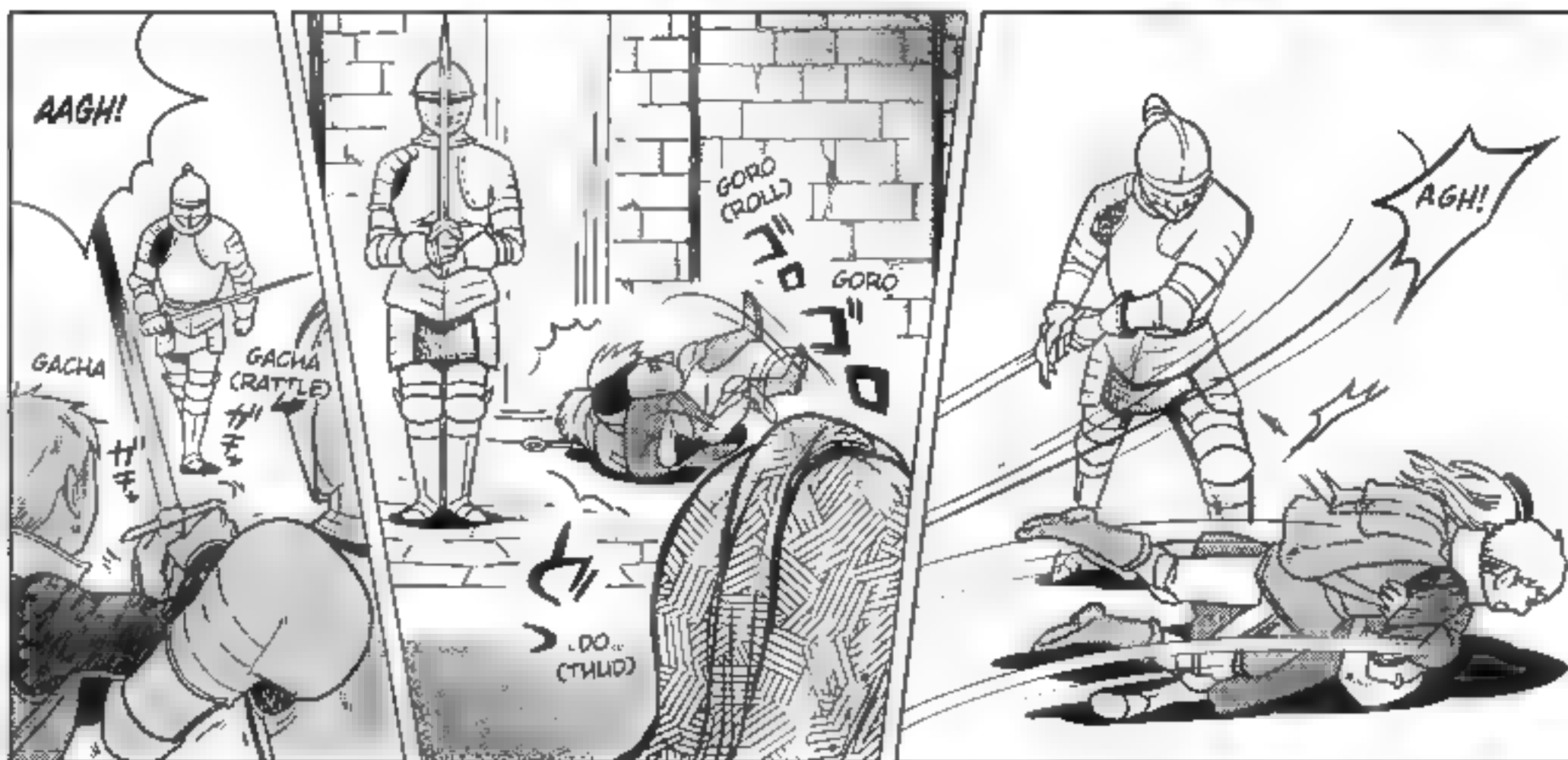
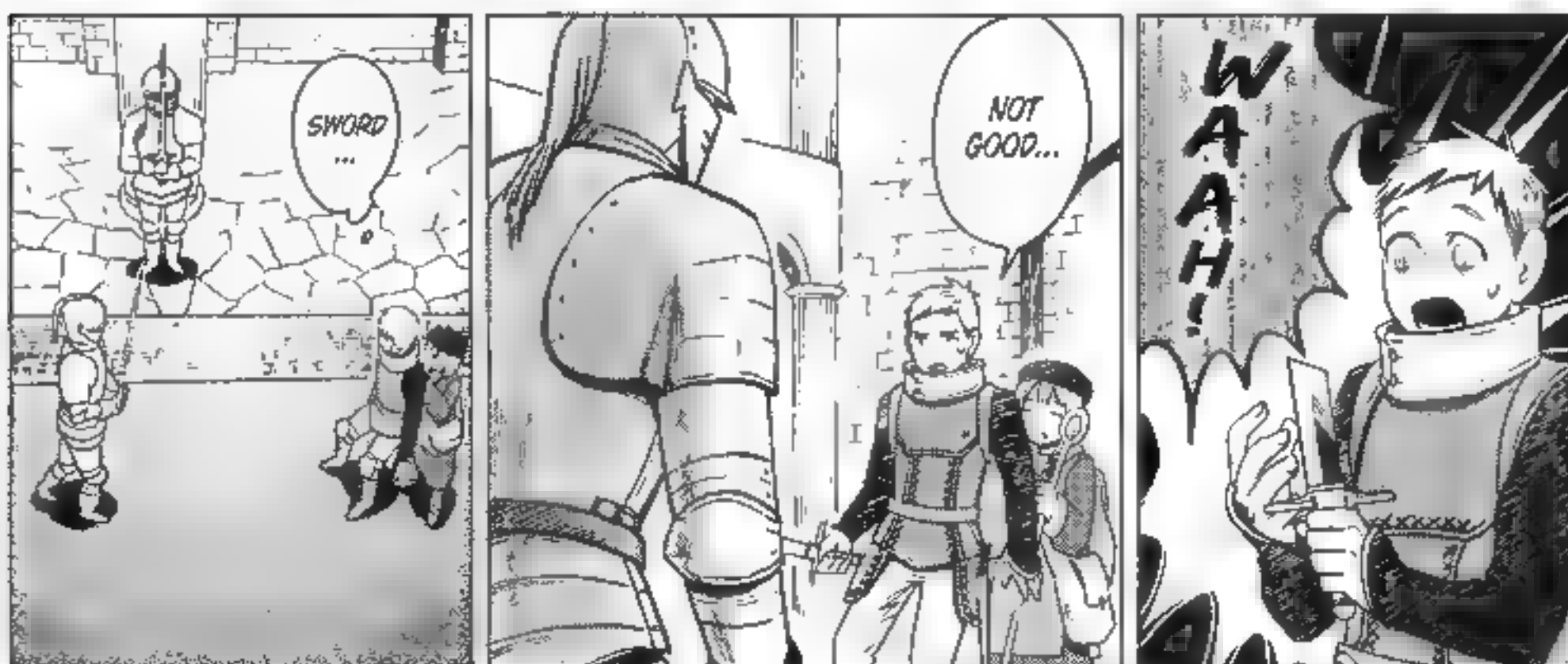
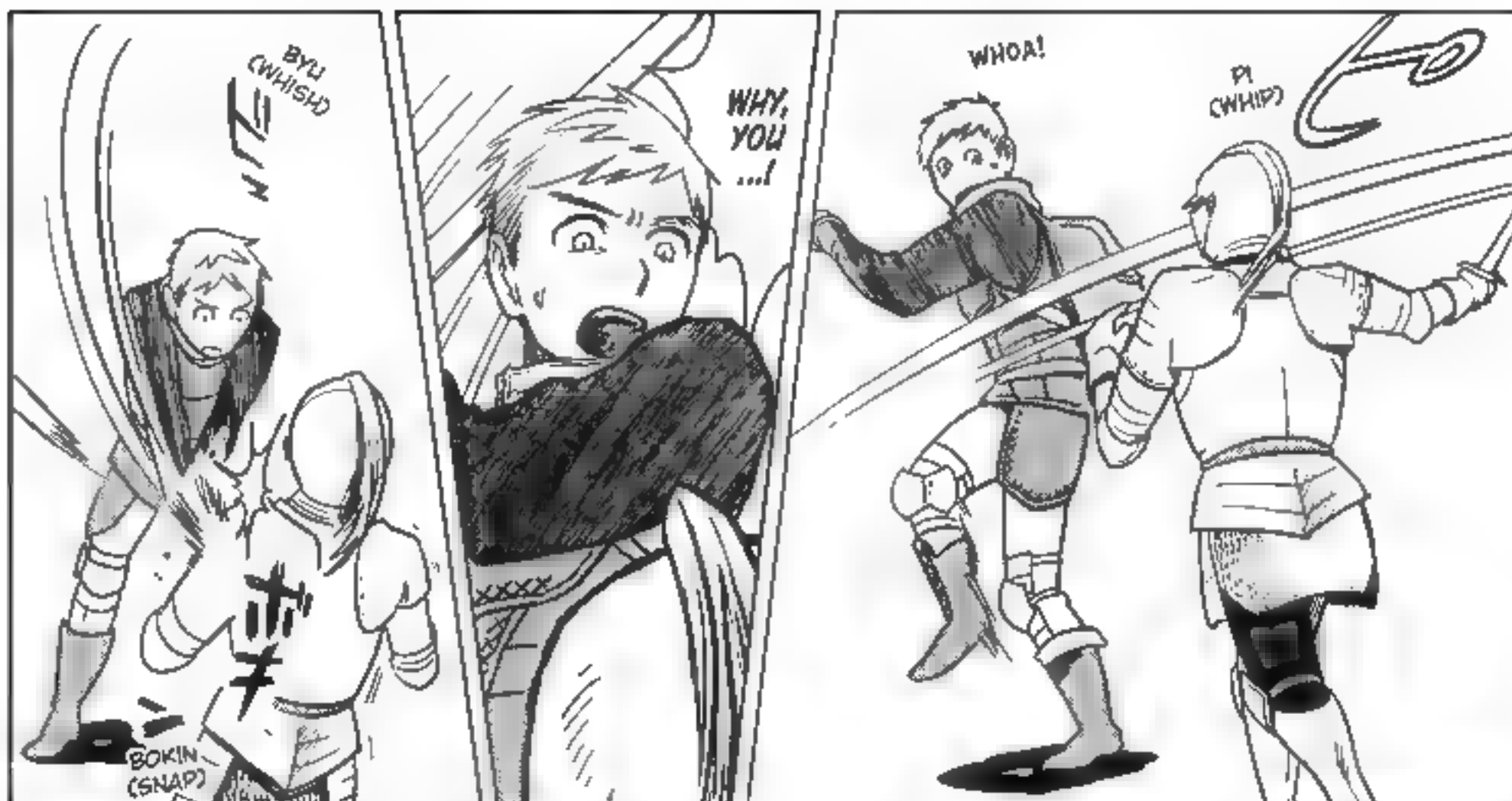
YEAH,
BUT...
WE CAN'T
TURN
BACK ON
OUR OWN
EITHER.

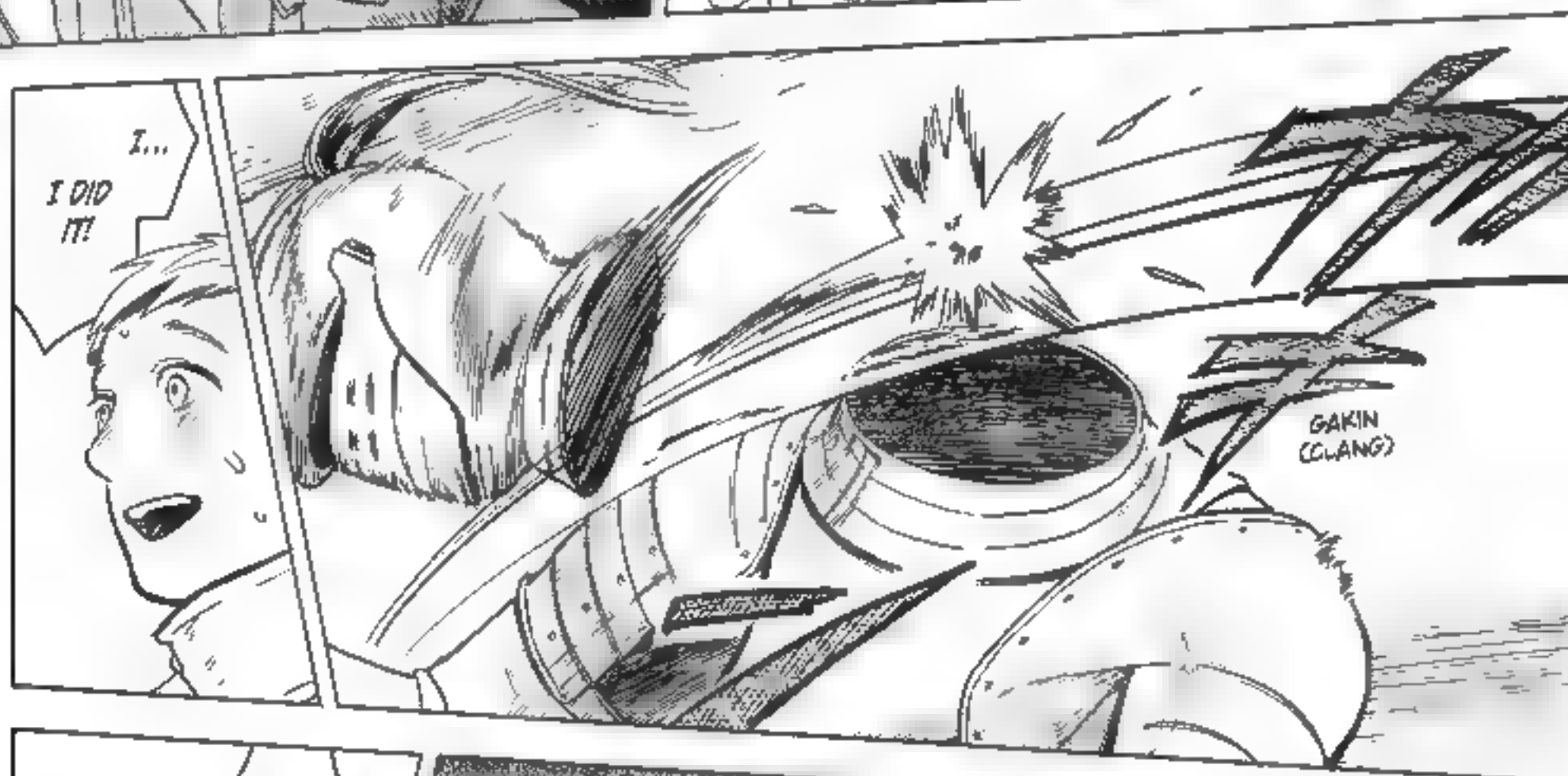
BIG BROTHER,
THE CASTLE'S
STILL TOO
DANGEROUS
FOR US.

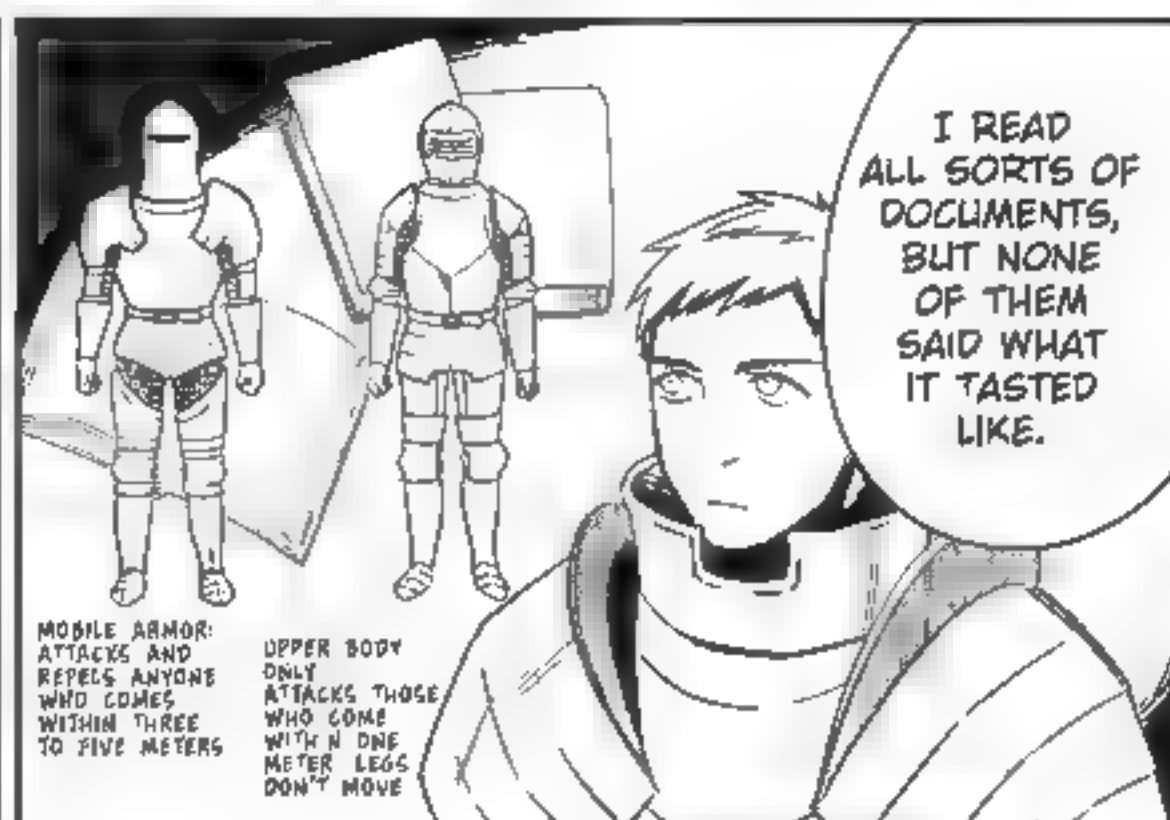
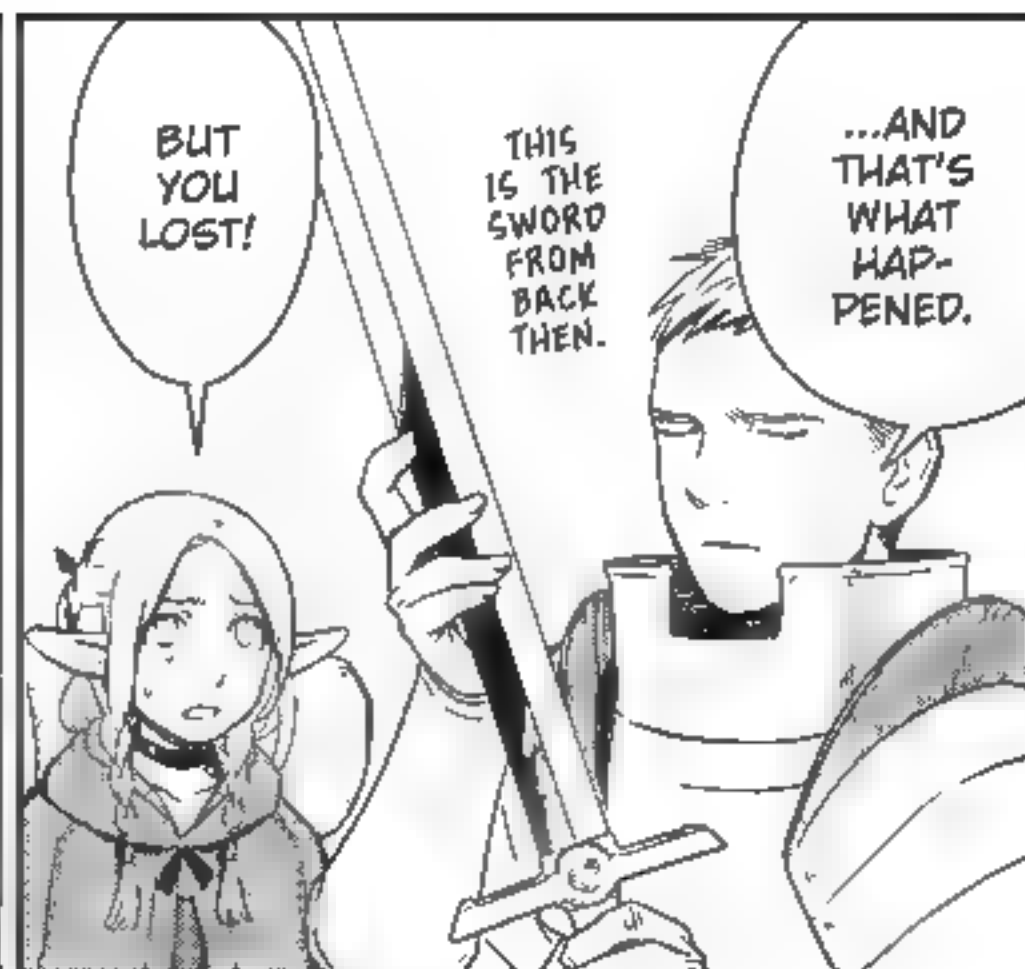


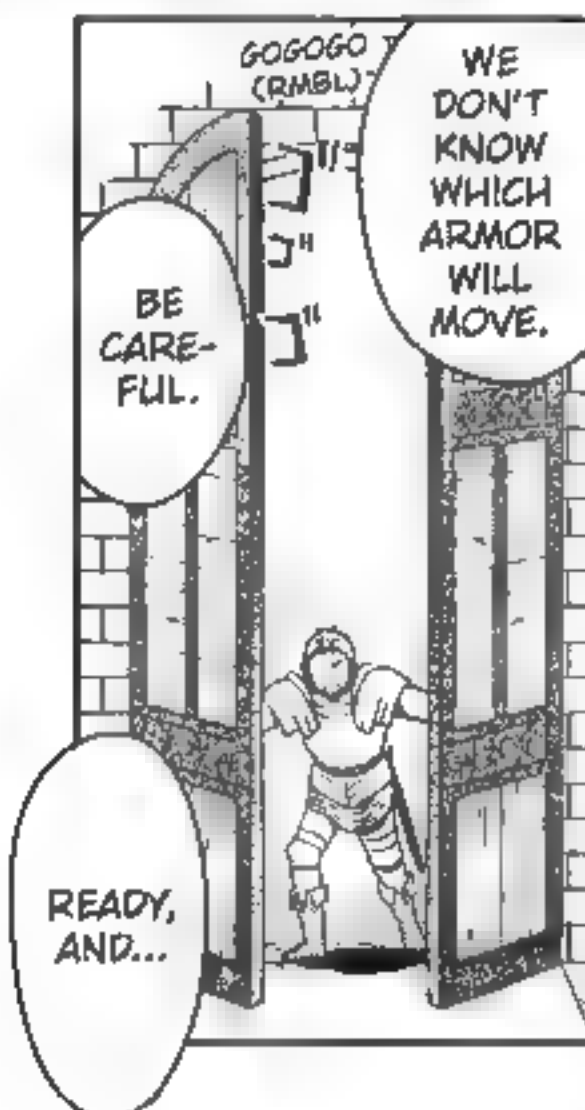
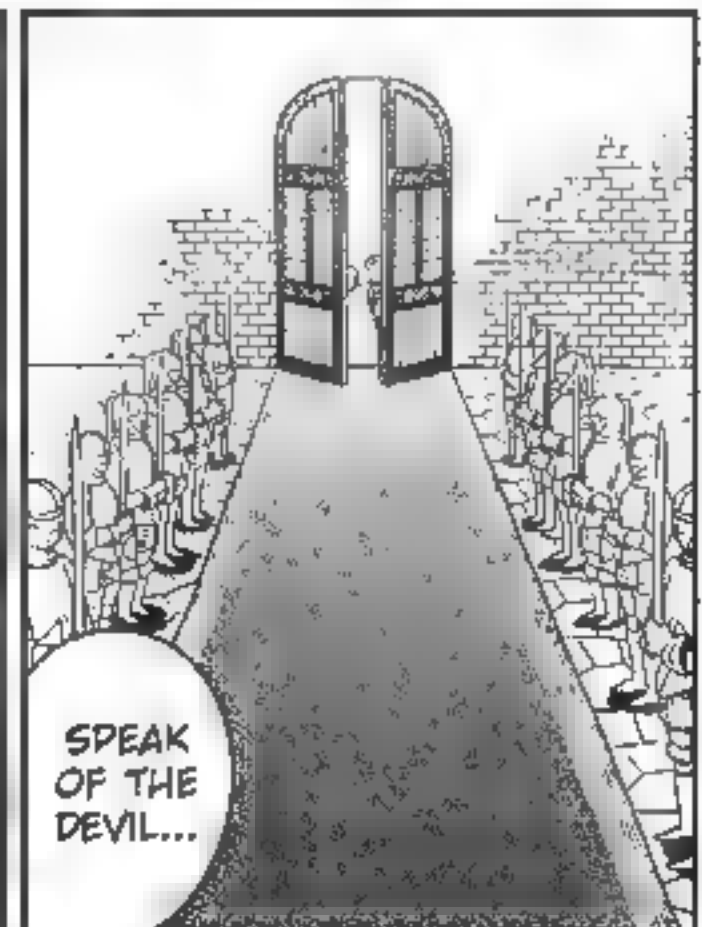
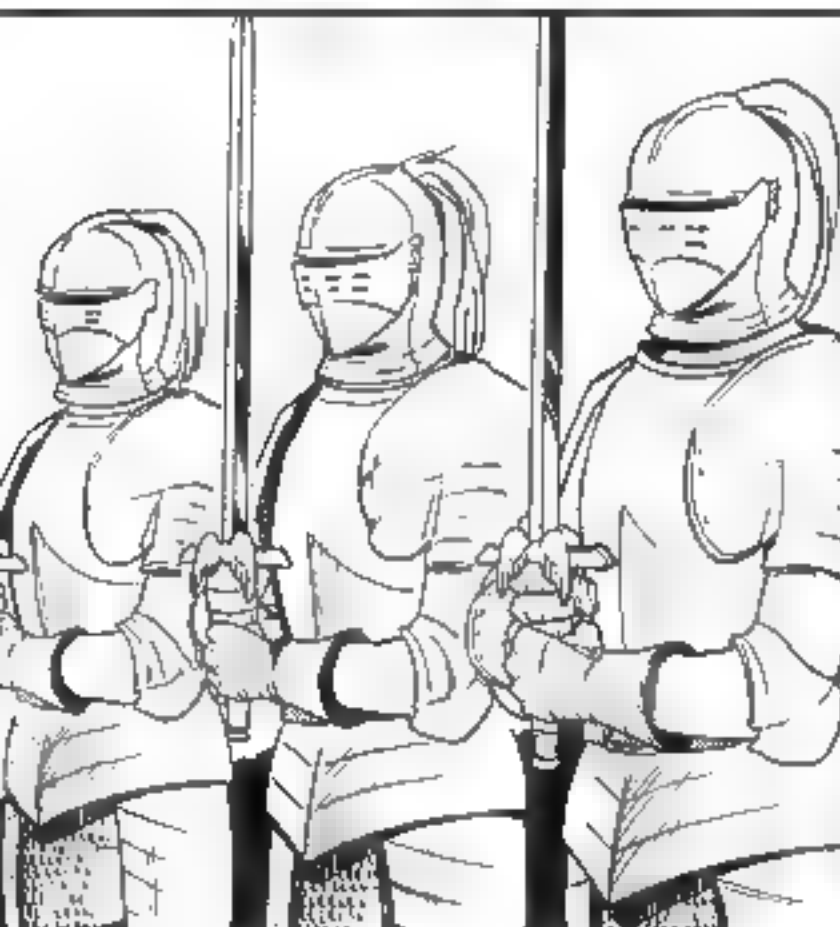
LET'S SEE
IF THERE'S
ANYTHING
INSIDE.

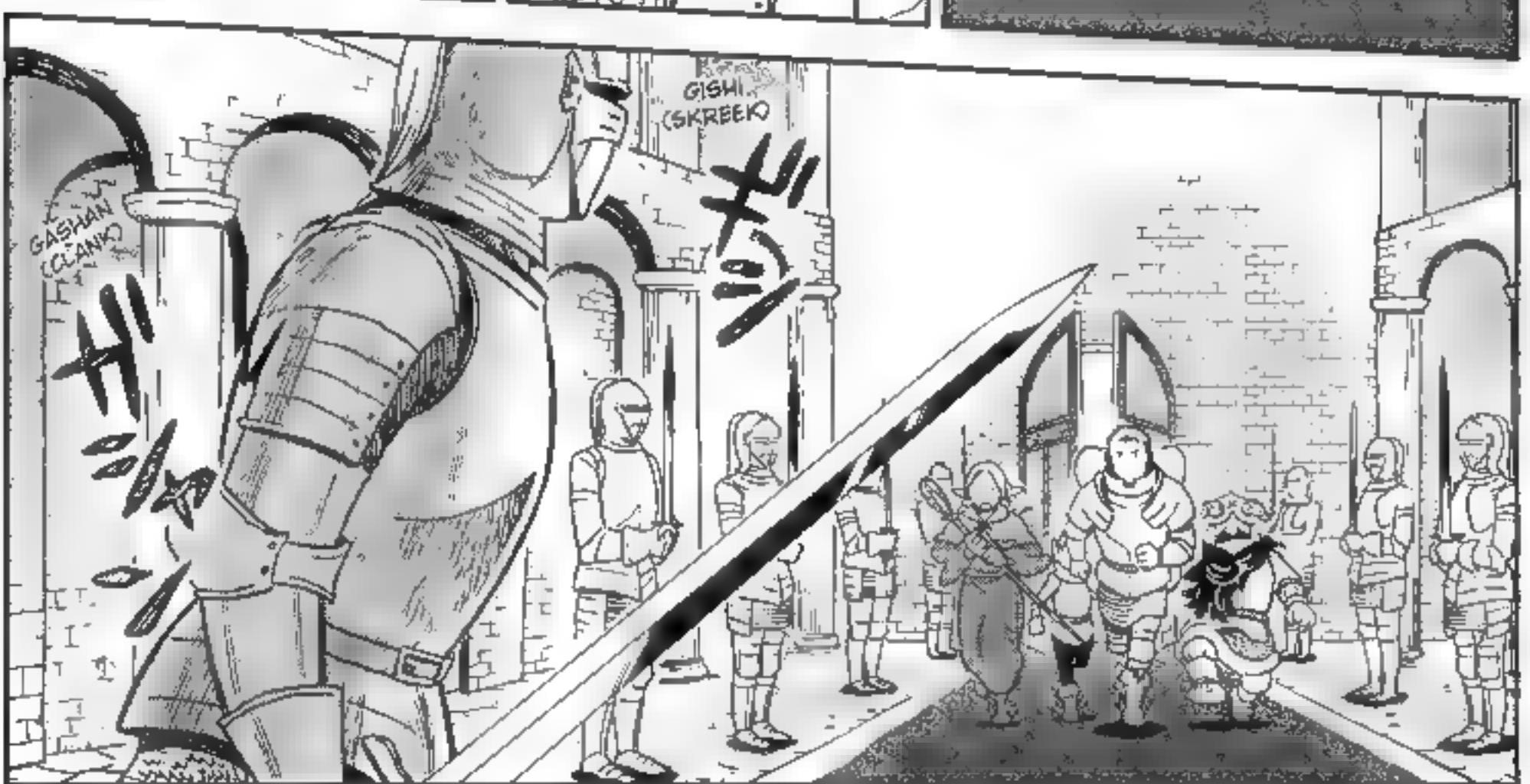
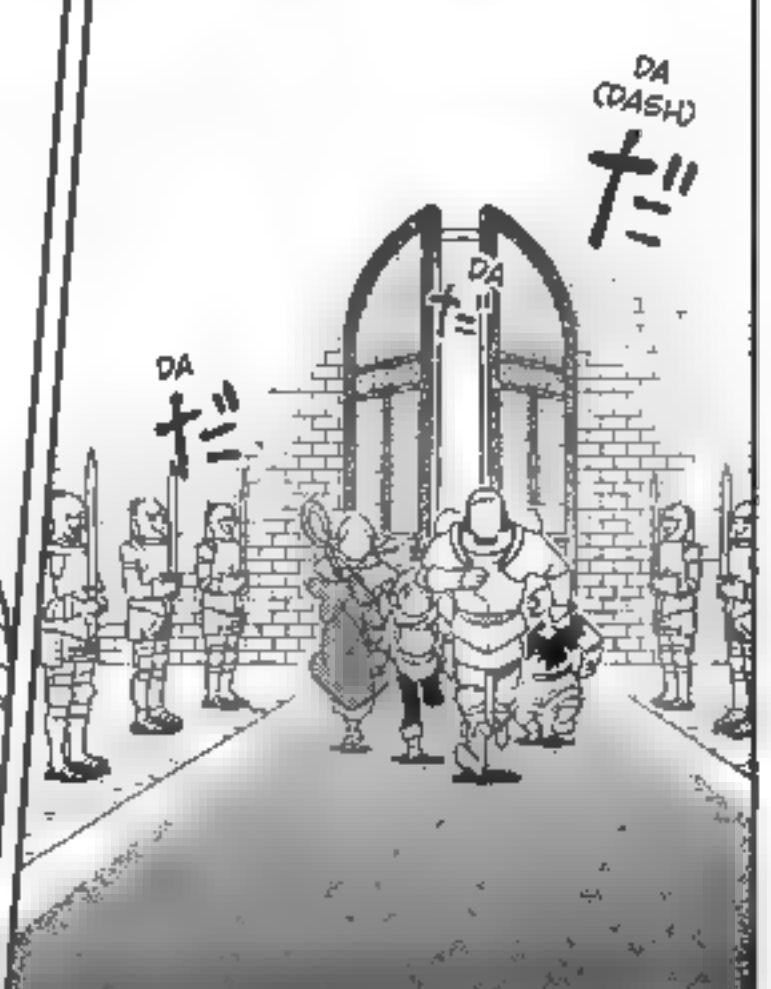
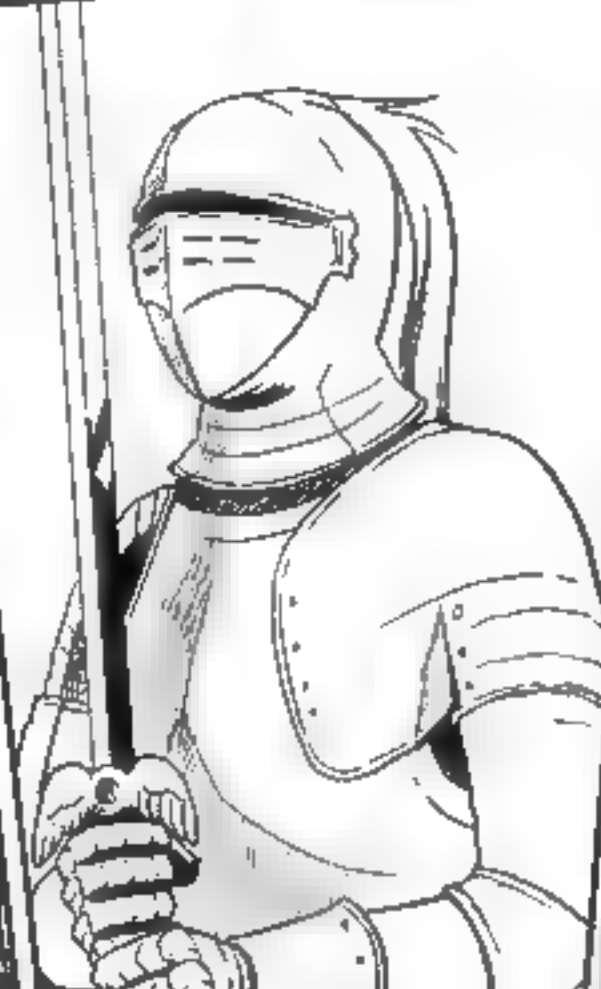
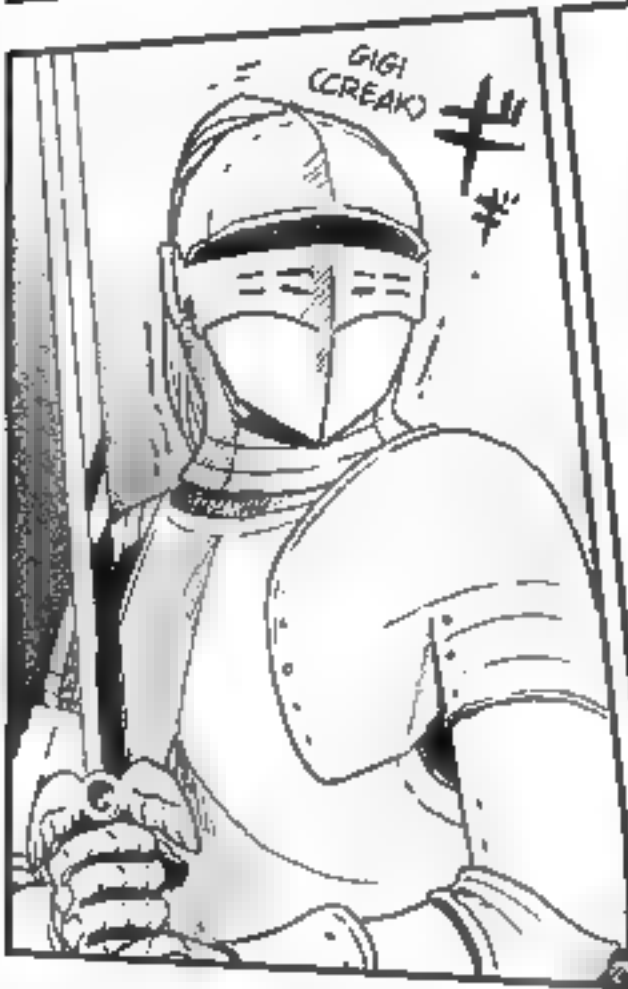




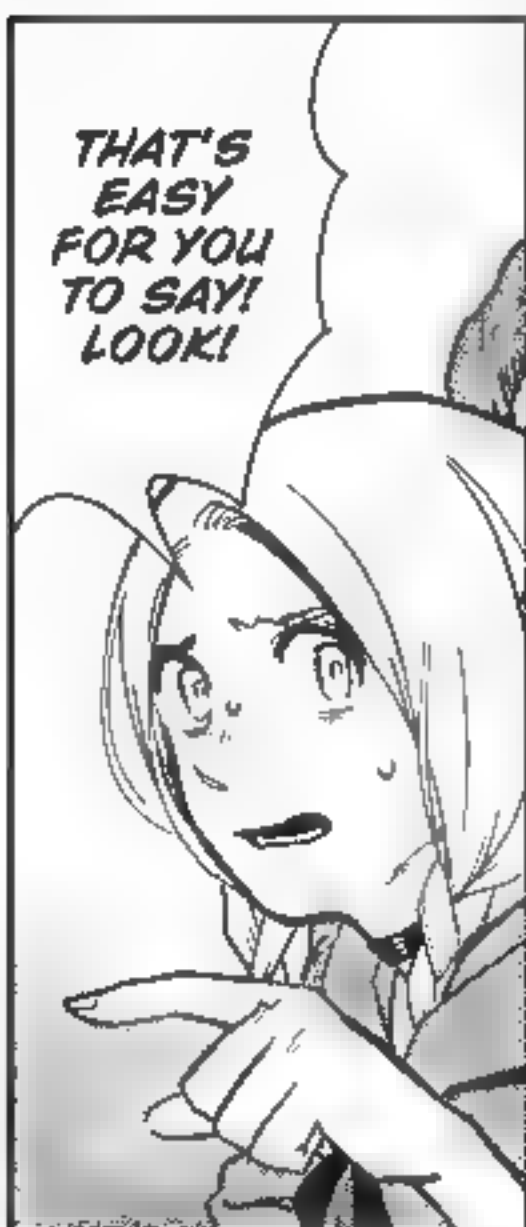
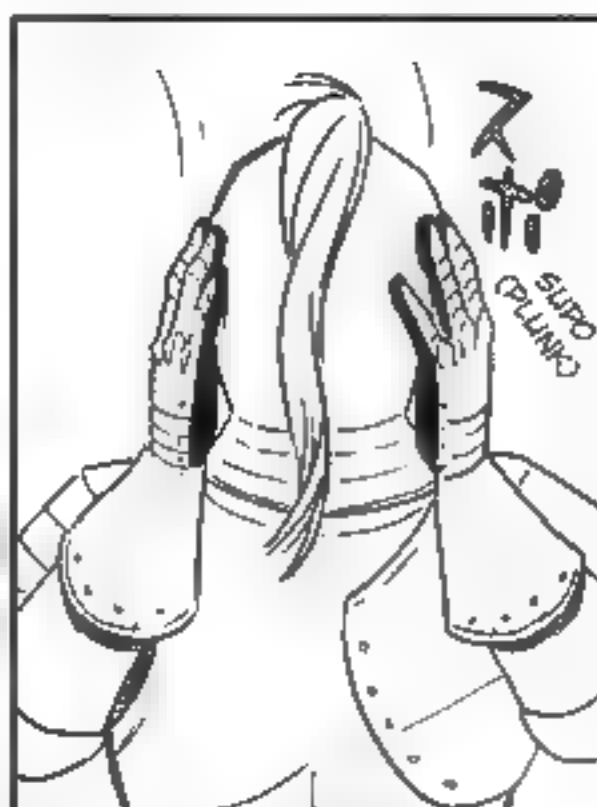
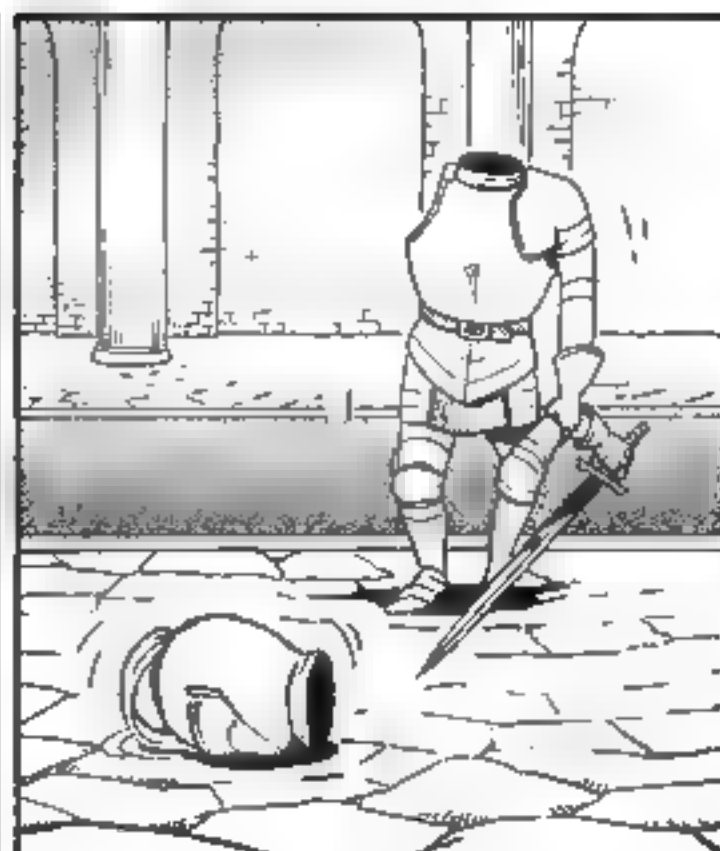
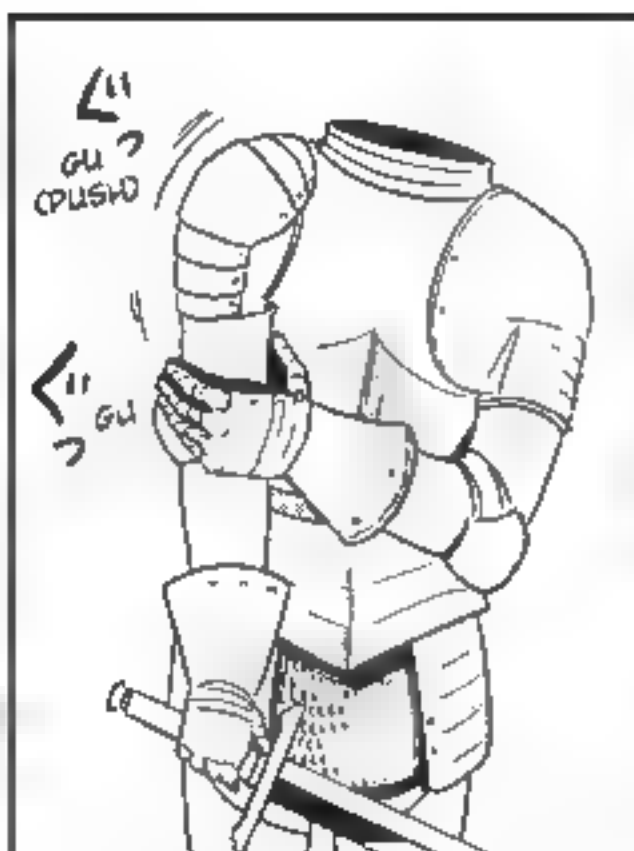
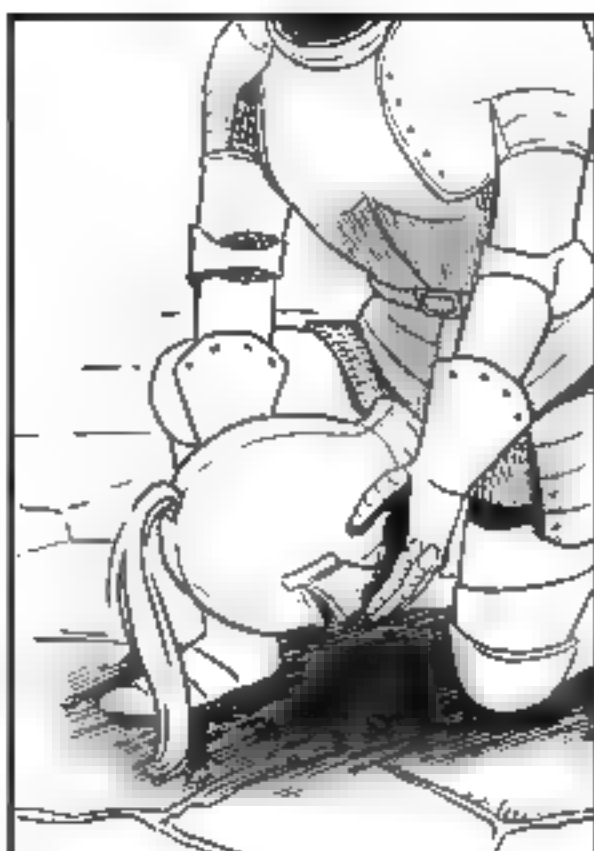


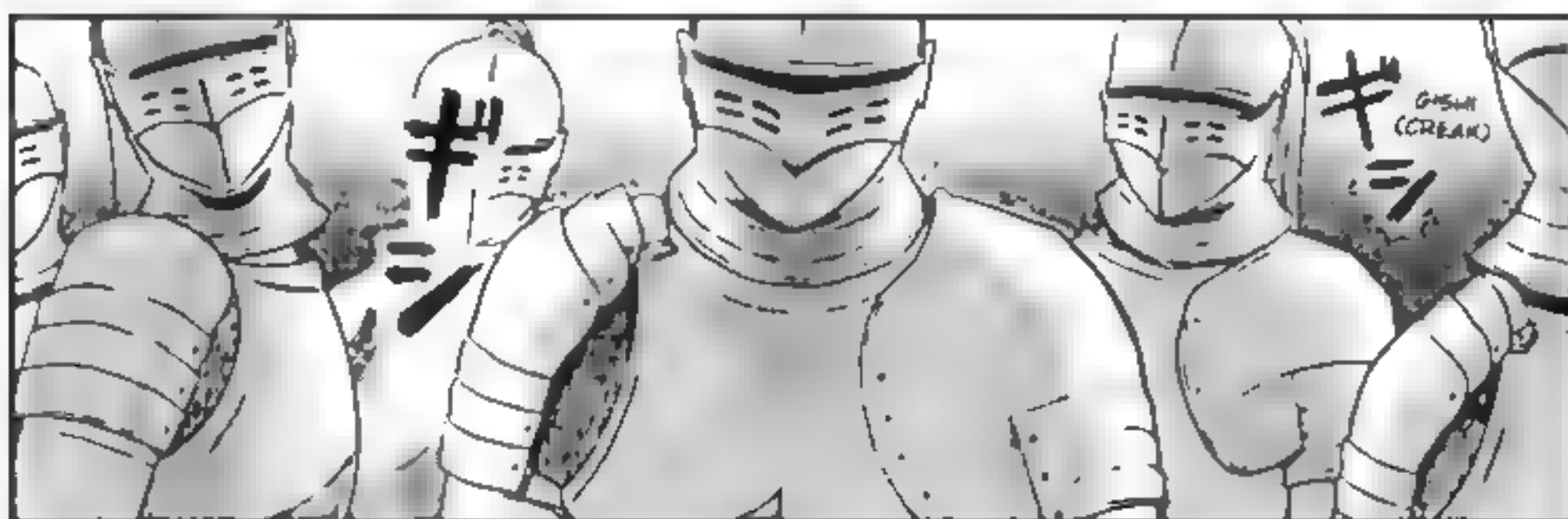
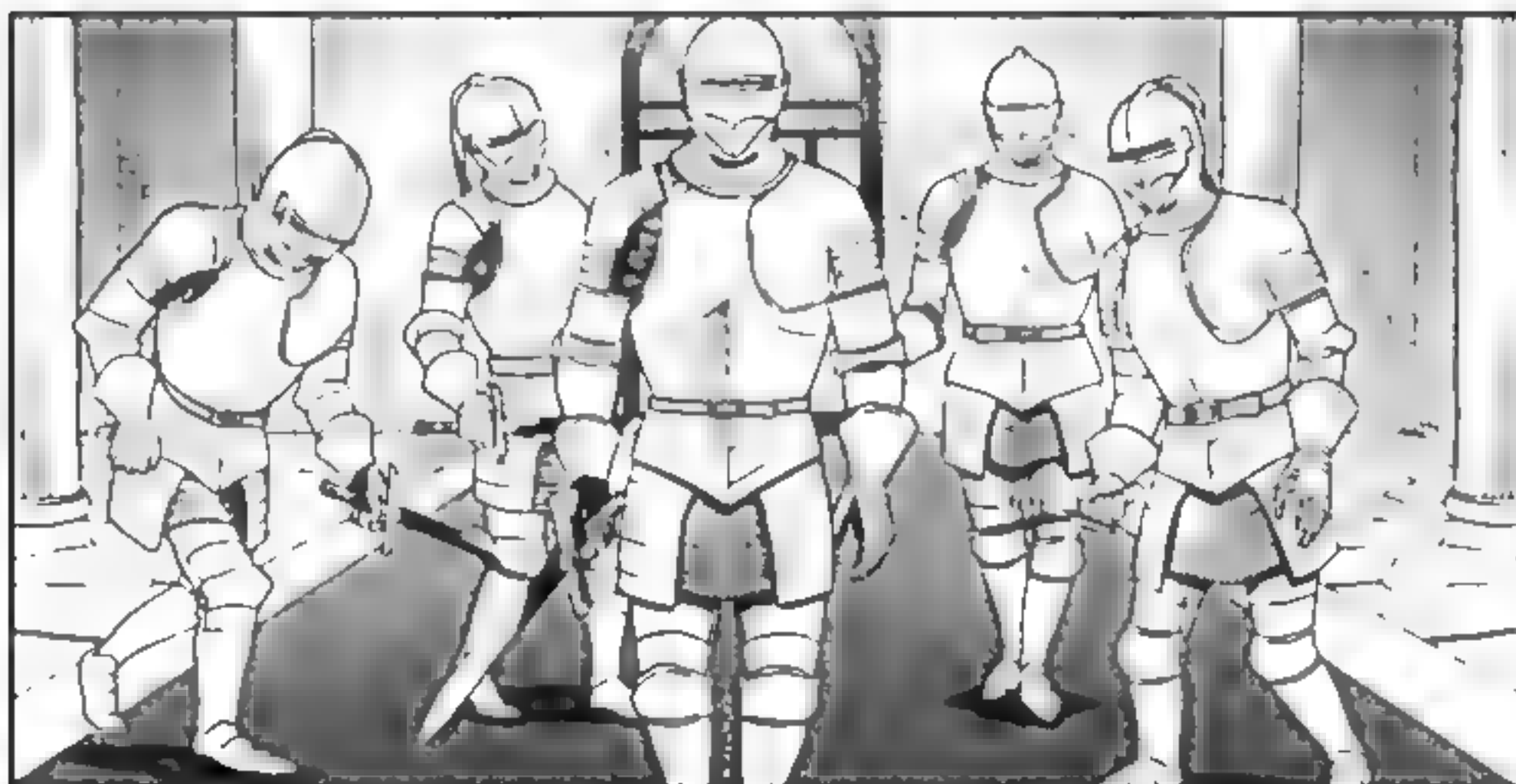




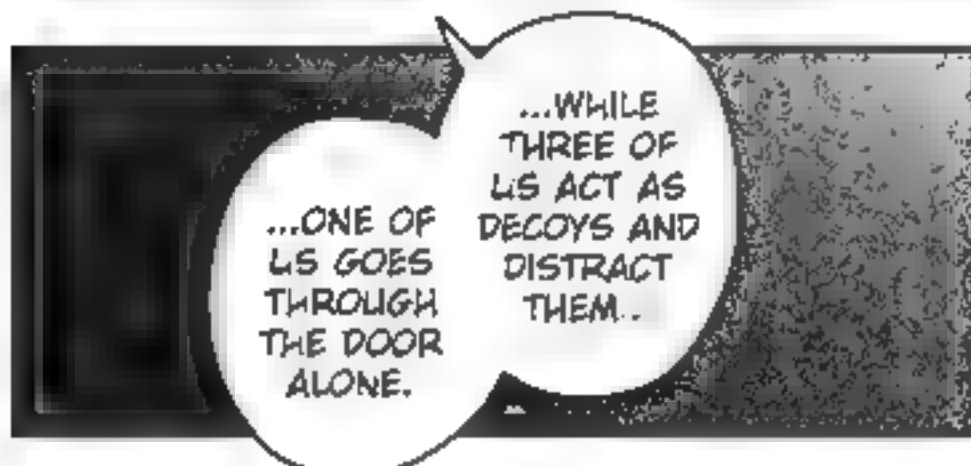
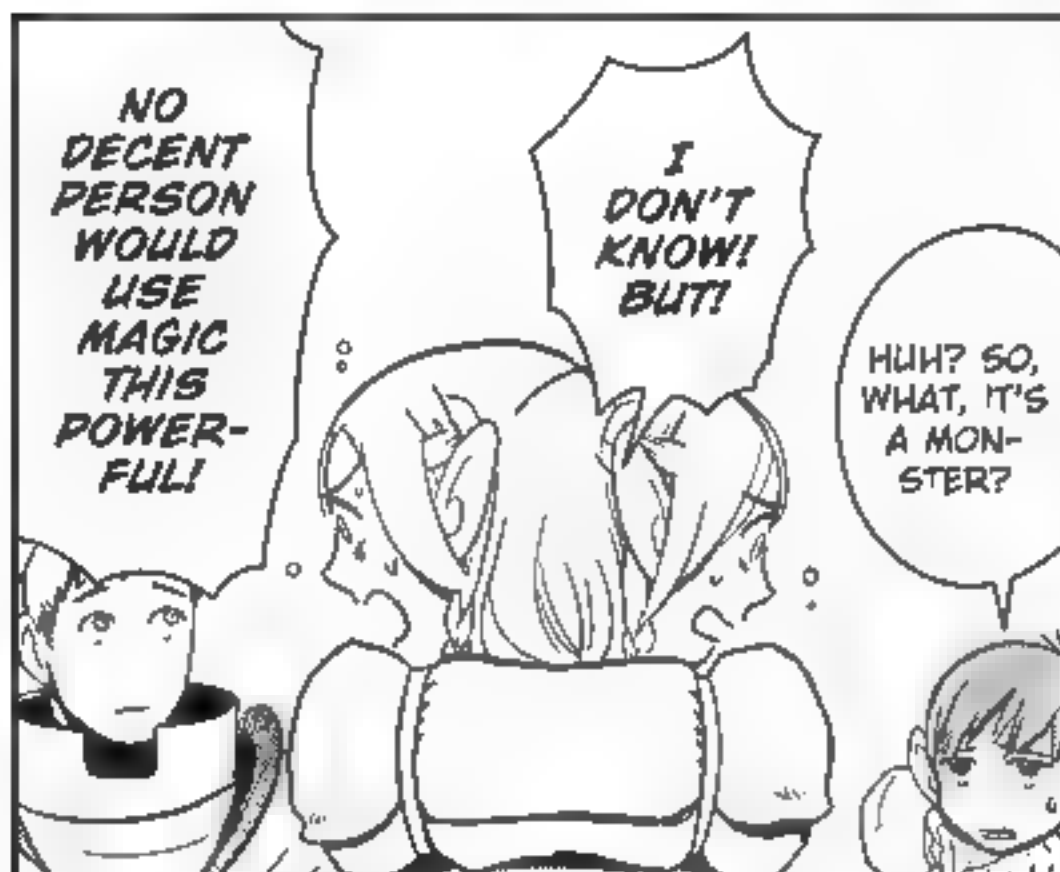
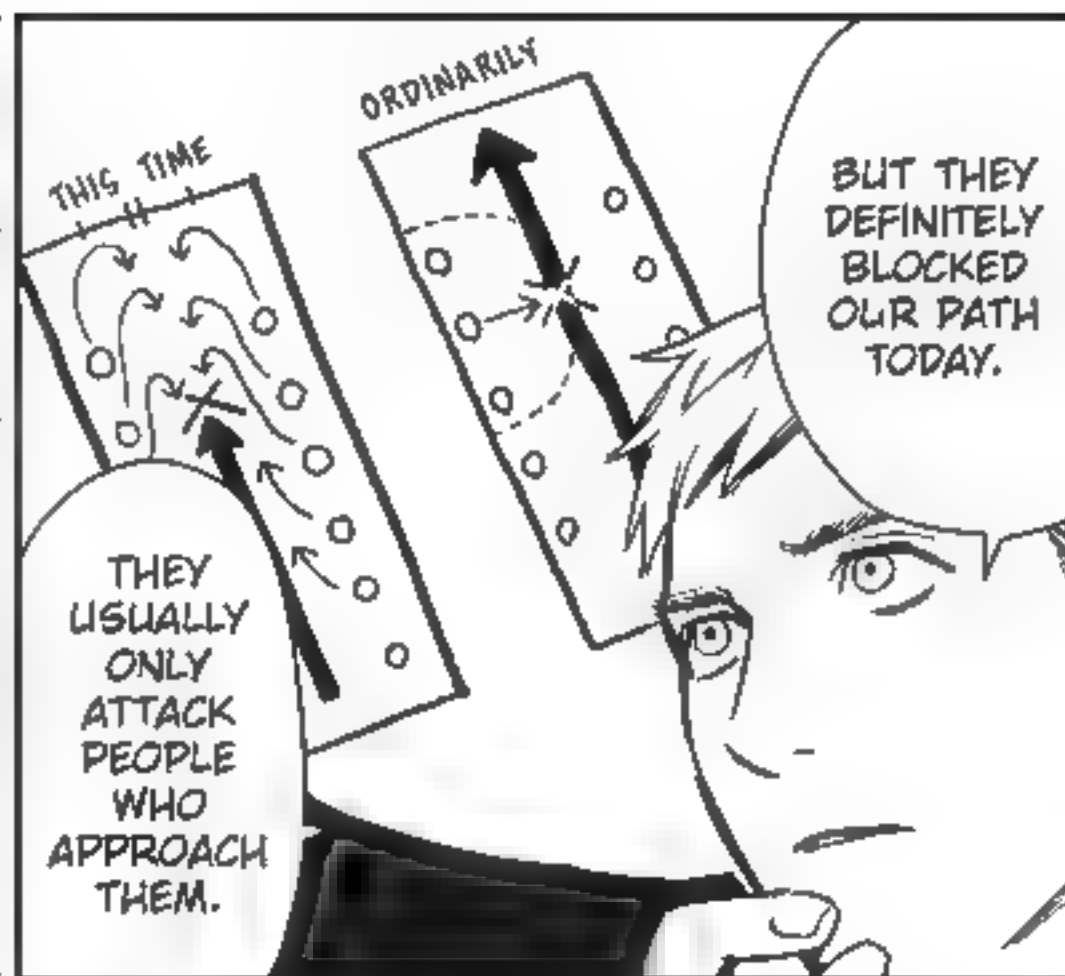




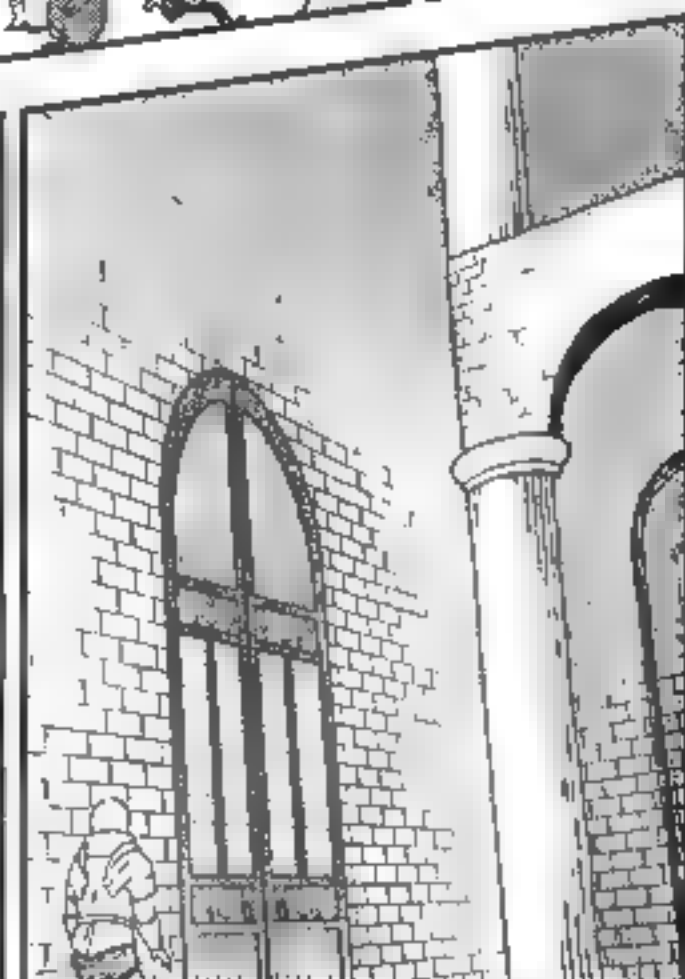
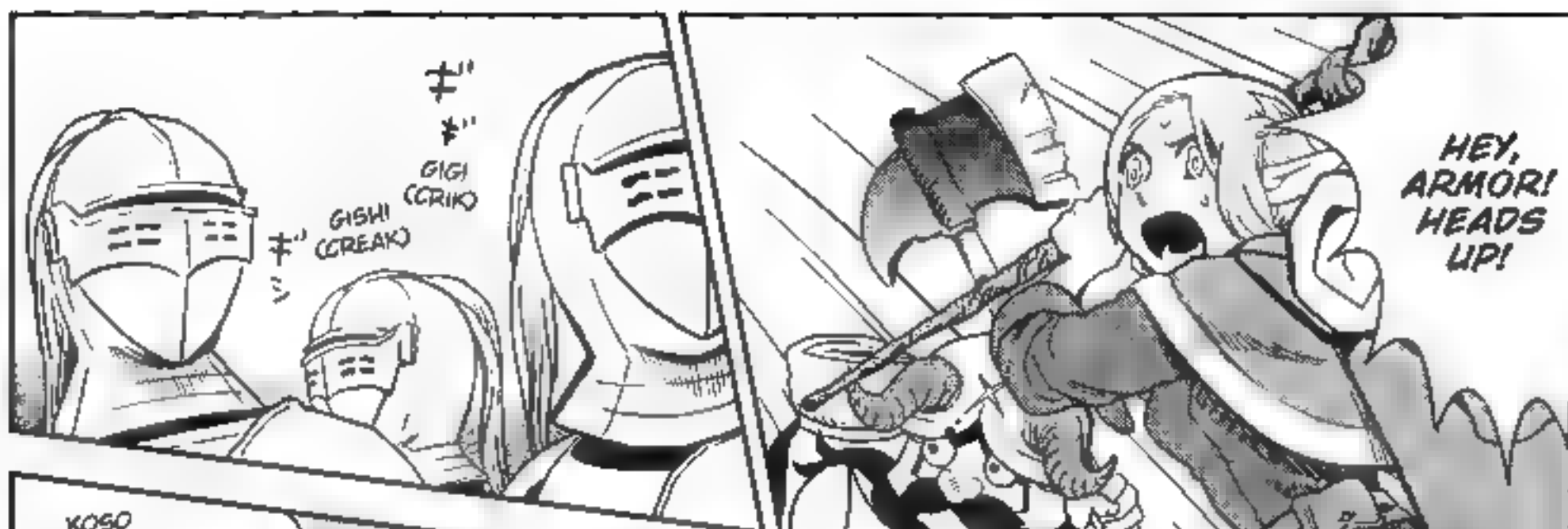










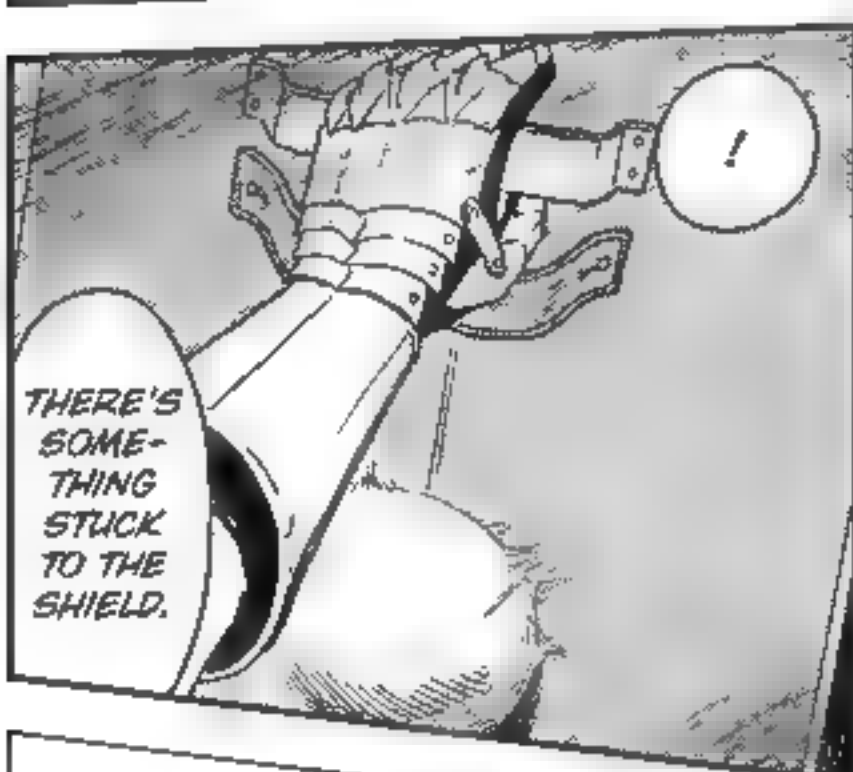
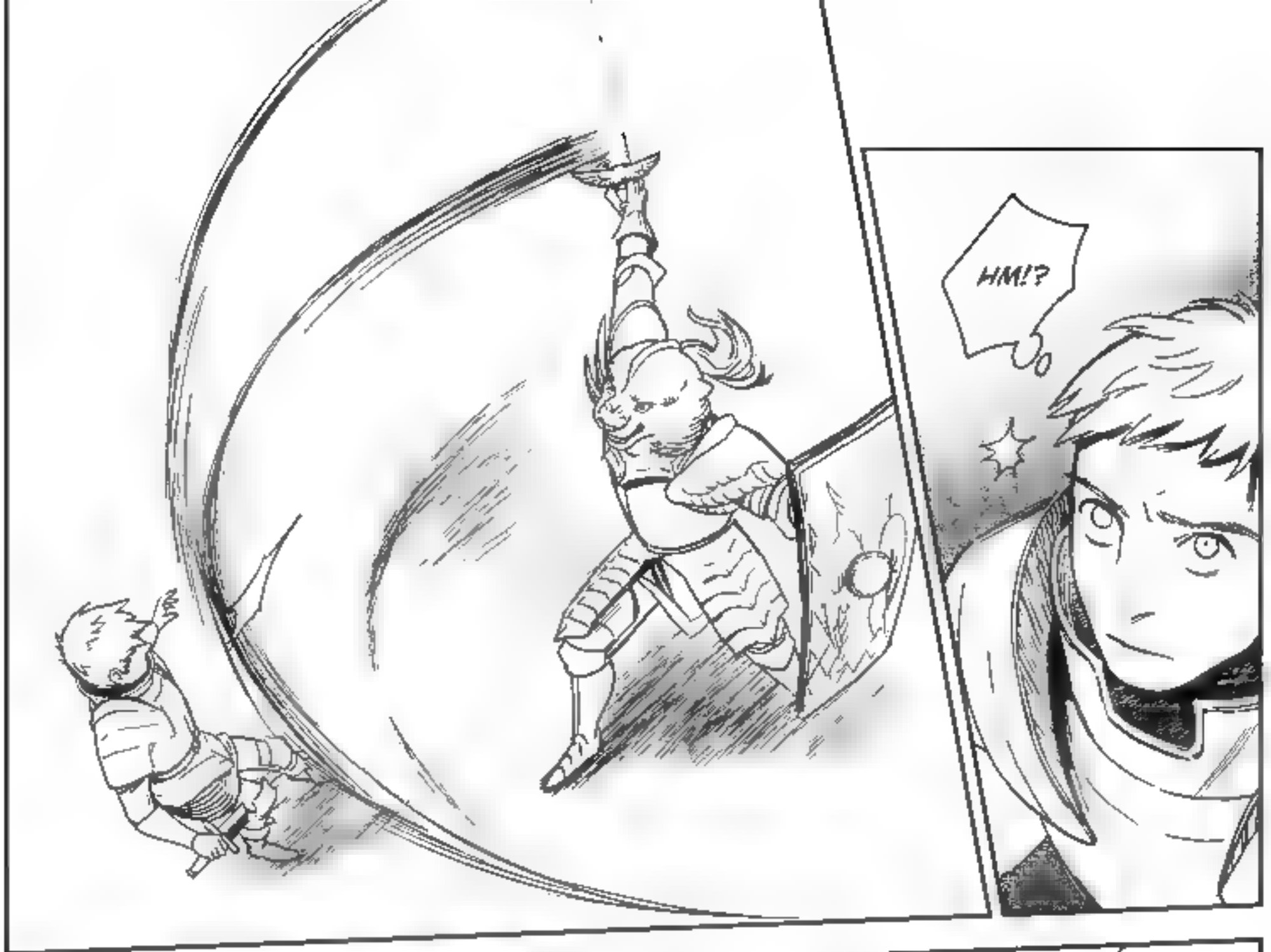








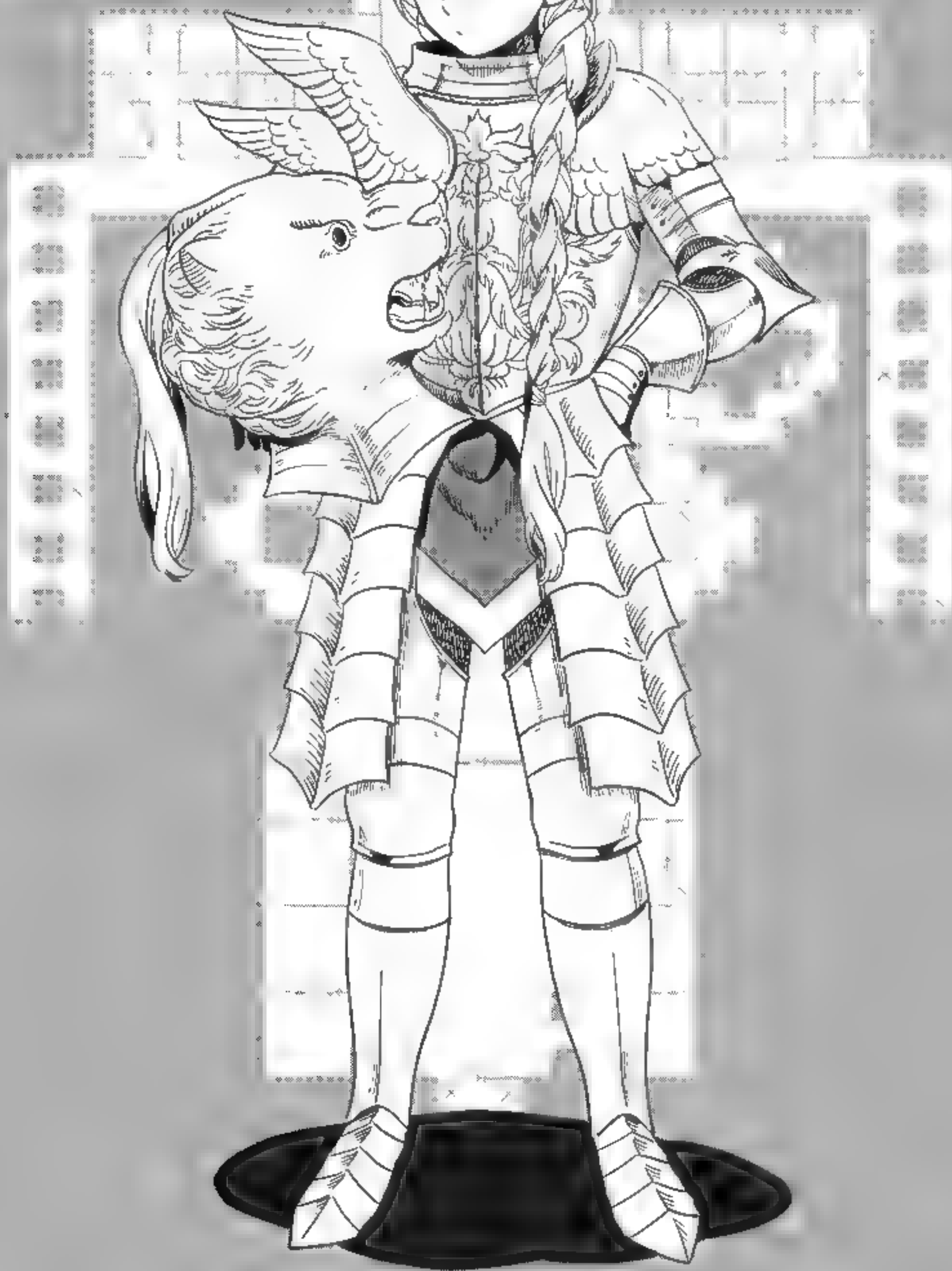


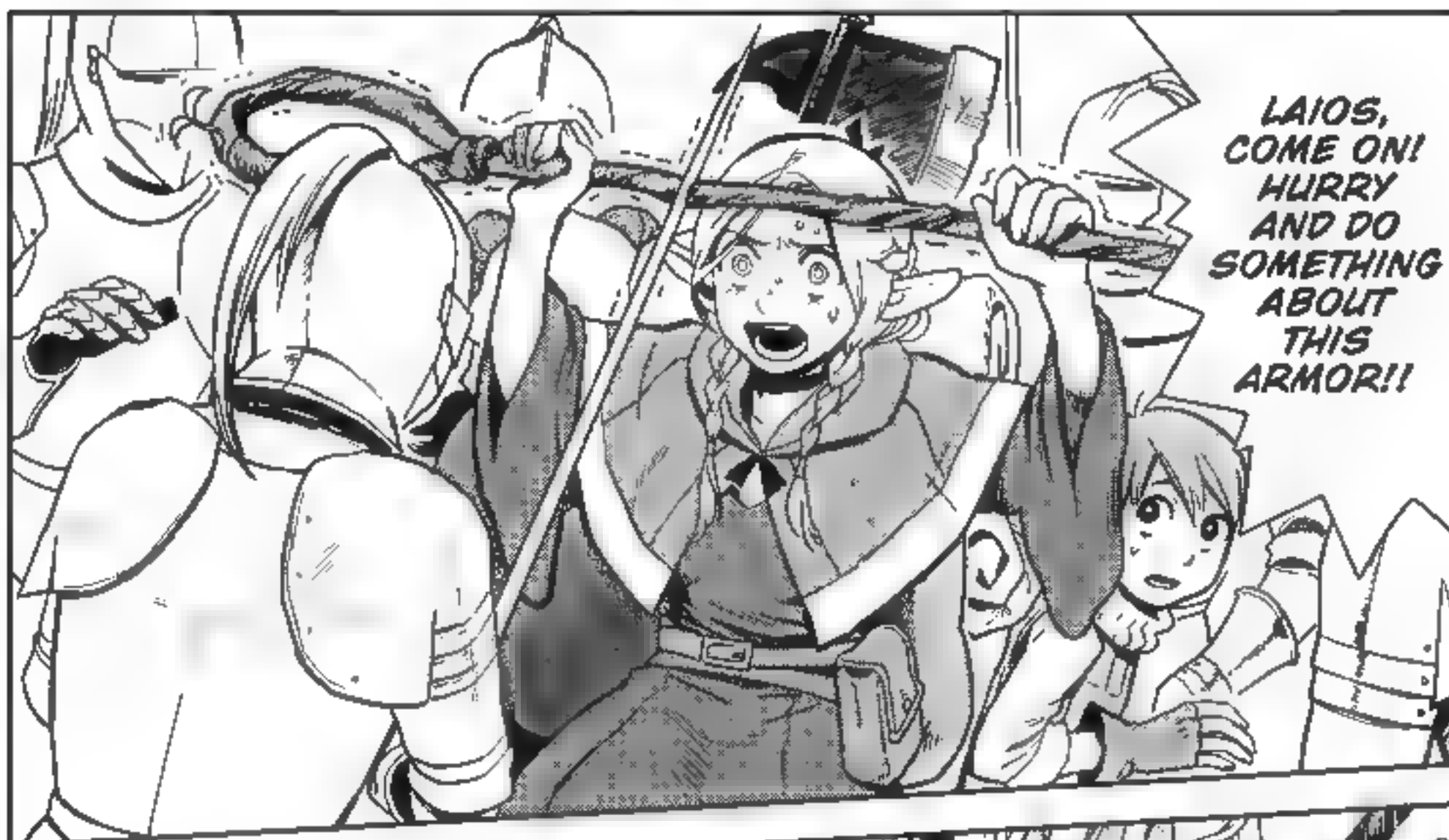






7. LIVING ARMOR -2-





LAIOS,
COME ON!
HURRY
AND DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT
THIS
ARMOR!!



STILL,
IF IT'S
ALIVE,
THERE
MUST
BE A
WAY TO
KILL
IT.



MOVING
ARMOR
THAT
WON'T DIE
EVEN IF
YOU KNOCK
ITS HEAD
OFF...



I NEED
TO
ATTACK
WHAT'S
INSIDE
THE
ARMOR.



METHODS
THAT TAKE
TIME AREN'T
PRACTICAL.

STARVE
IT



WOUND
ITS
ORGANS.
DRAIN
ITS BODY
FLUIDS.

SUF-
FO-
CATE
IT.



THE
ARMOR
LOOKS
EMPTY.



FIRST,
WHERE
ARE ITS
OR-
GANS?

WHAT
IS IT
SHAPE
LIKE?



AROUND
HERE?

HERE?

IS IT HIDING
DEEP INSIDE
AND MOVING
THE
ARMOR BY
STRETCH-
ING ITS
LIMBS OUT?

HERE?

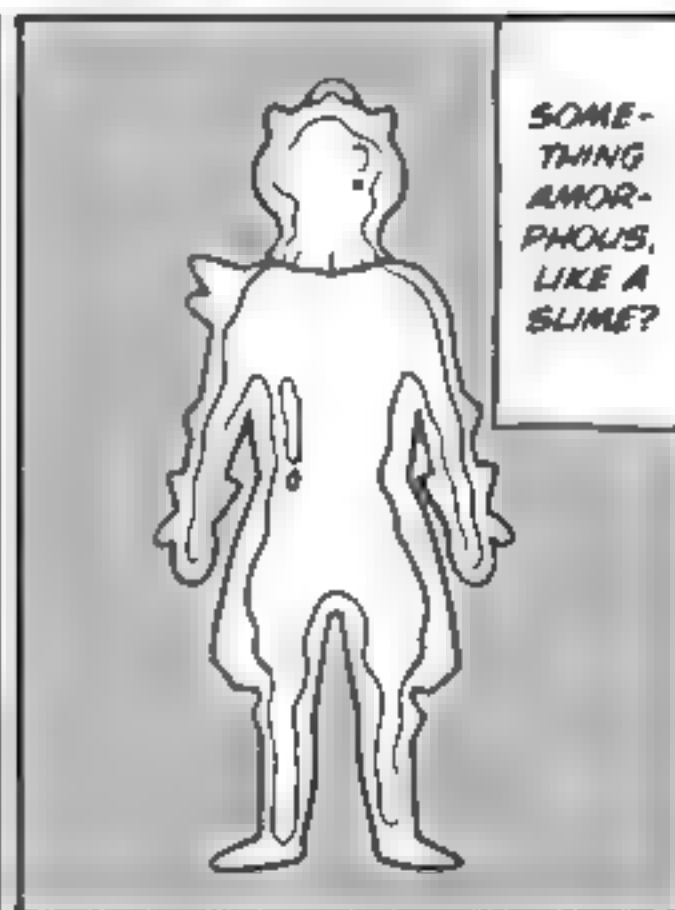
HERE?

LIKE
THIS?



COLONY

AN EGG-
LAYING
QUEEN
THAT'S
GUARDED
BY OTHER
INDIVIDU-
ALS ..
THAT
SOUNDS
LIKE
BEES OR
ANTS.



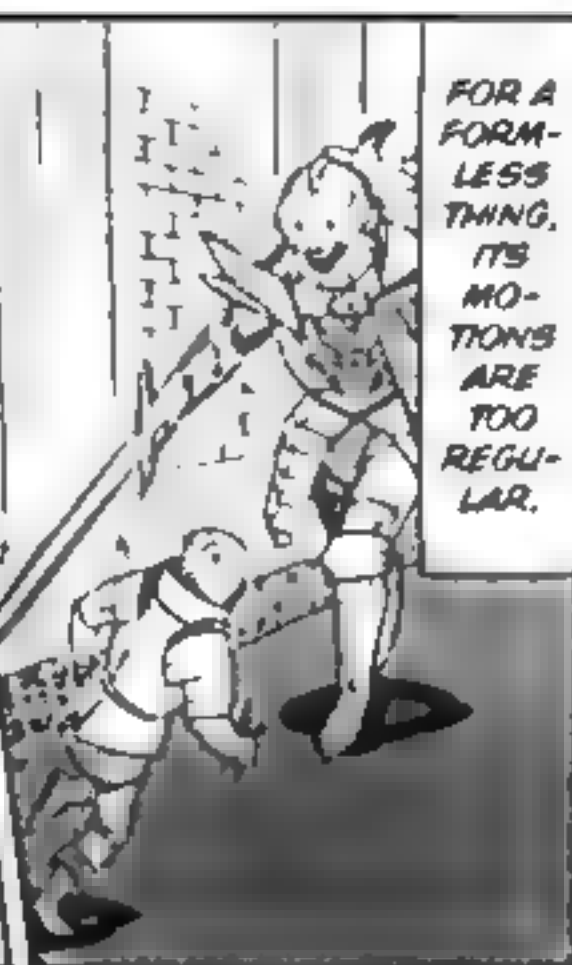
SOME-
THING
AMOR-
PHOUS,
LIKE A
SLIME?



IS IT
LURKING
IN A
BLIND
SPOT
AFTER
ALL?



I
DON'T
HEAR
ANY
NOISE,
SO
INSECTS
DON'T
SEEM
LIKELY.

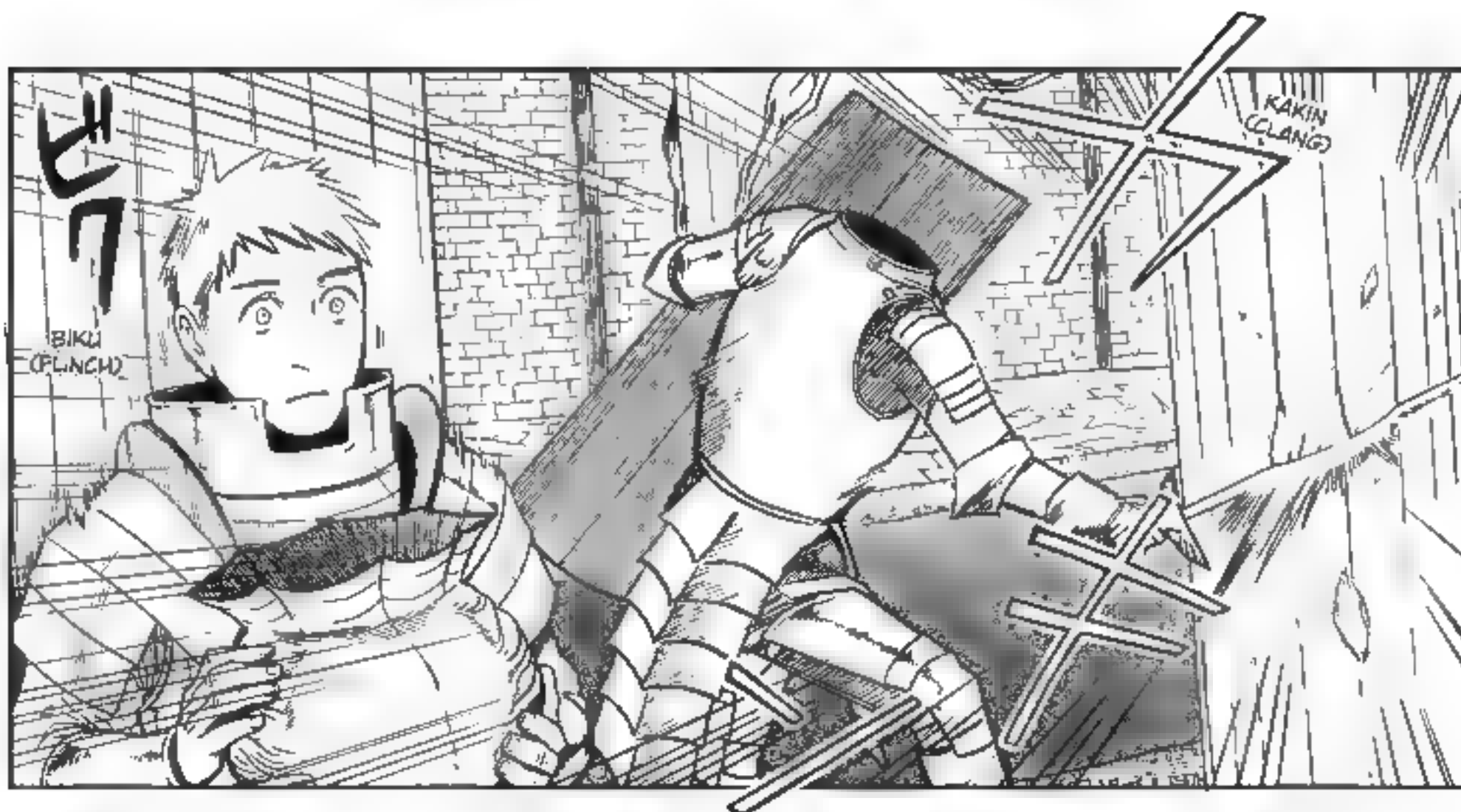


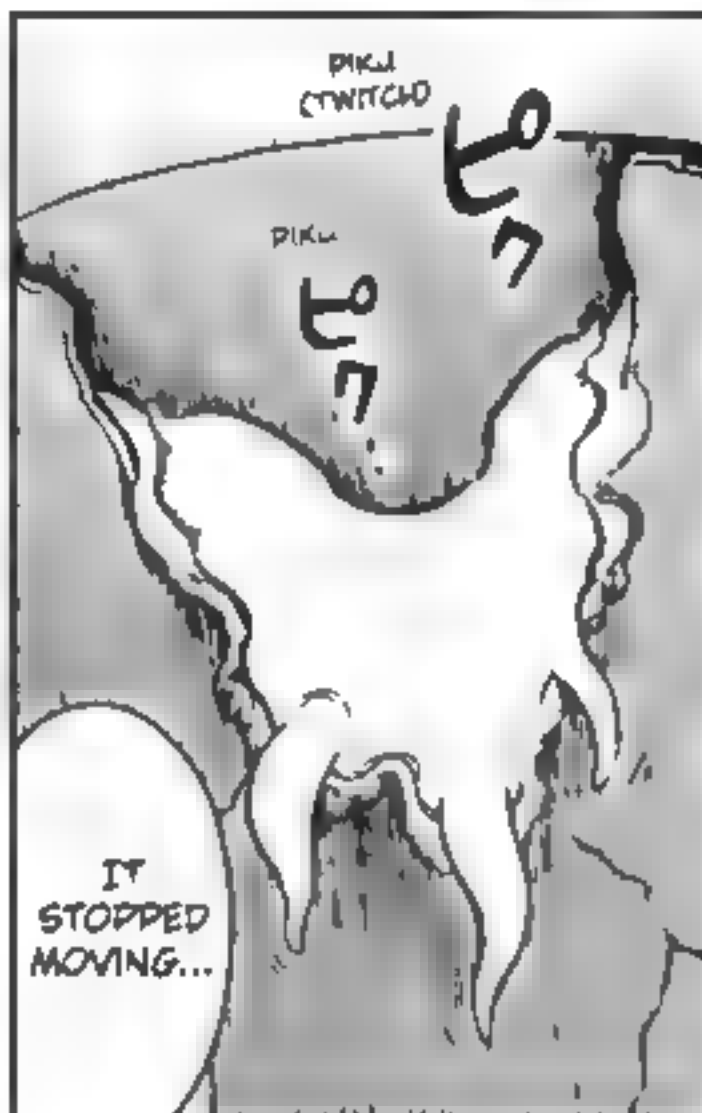
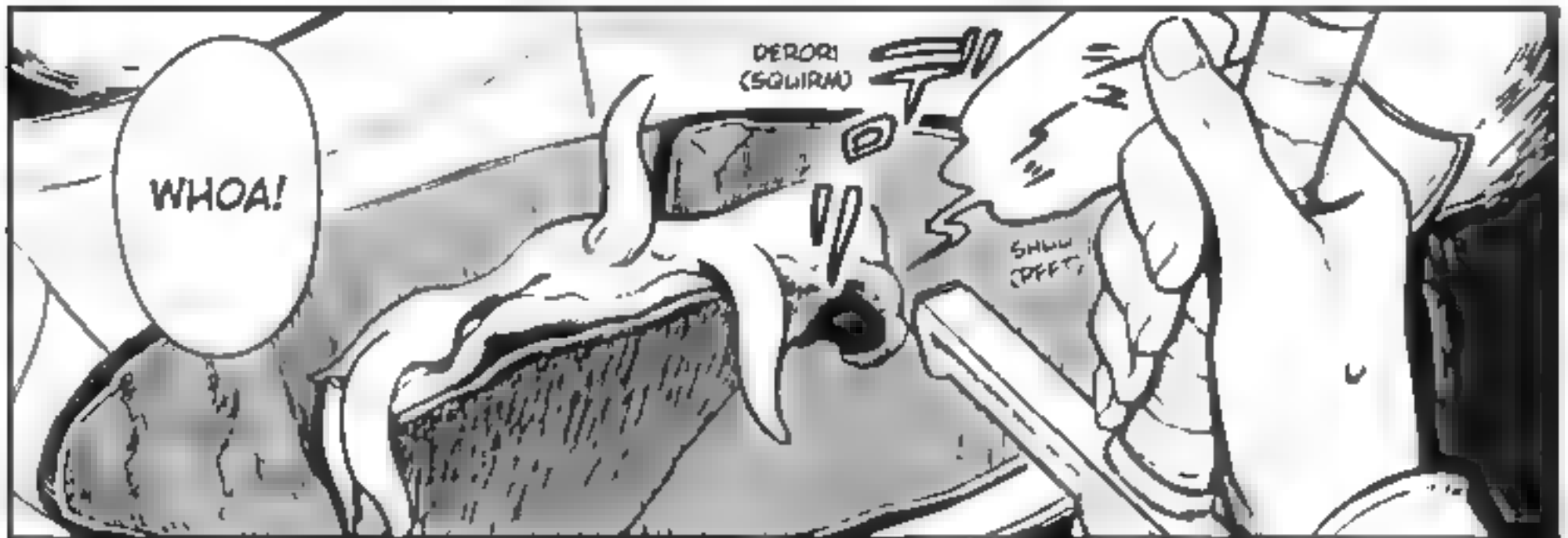
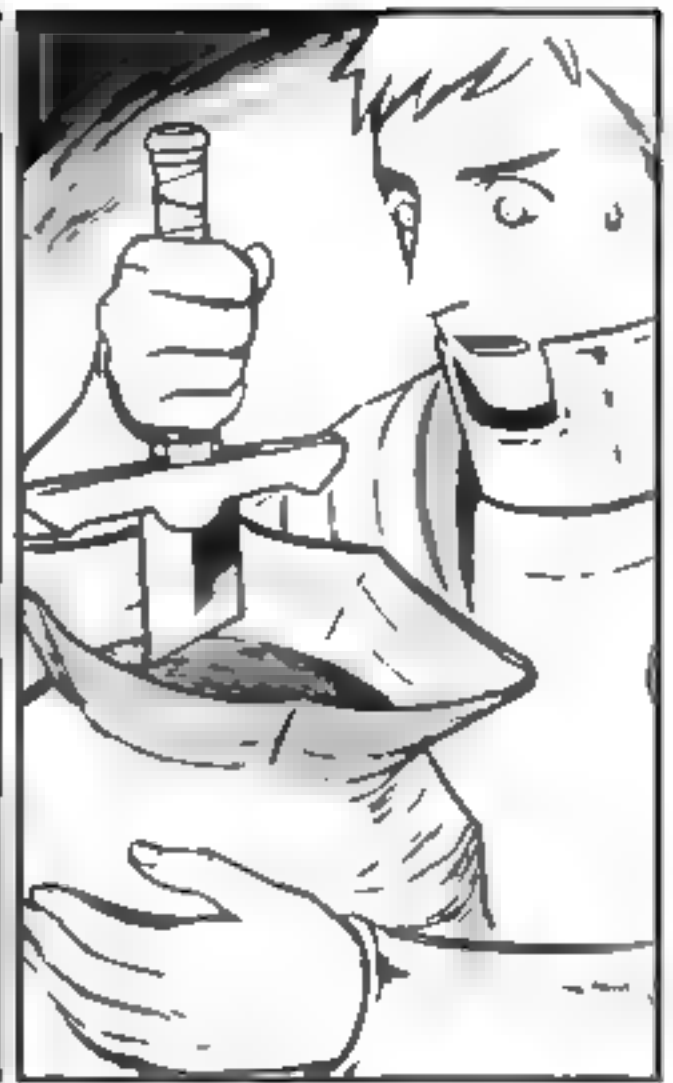
FOR A
FORM-
LESS
THING,
ITS
MO-
TIONS
ARE
TOO
REGU-
LAR.

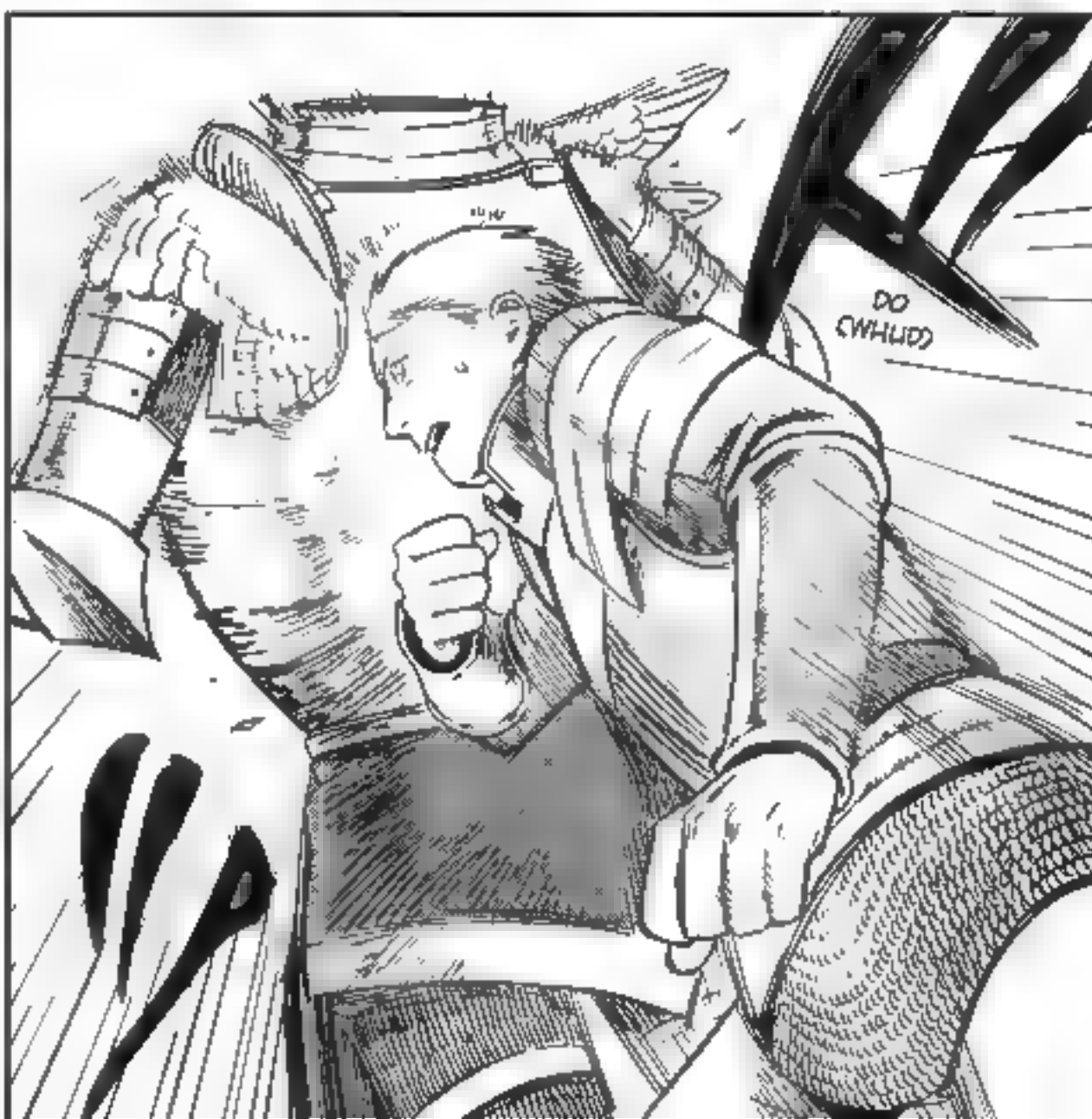
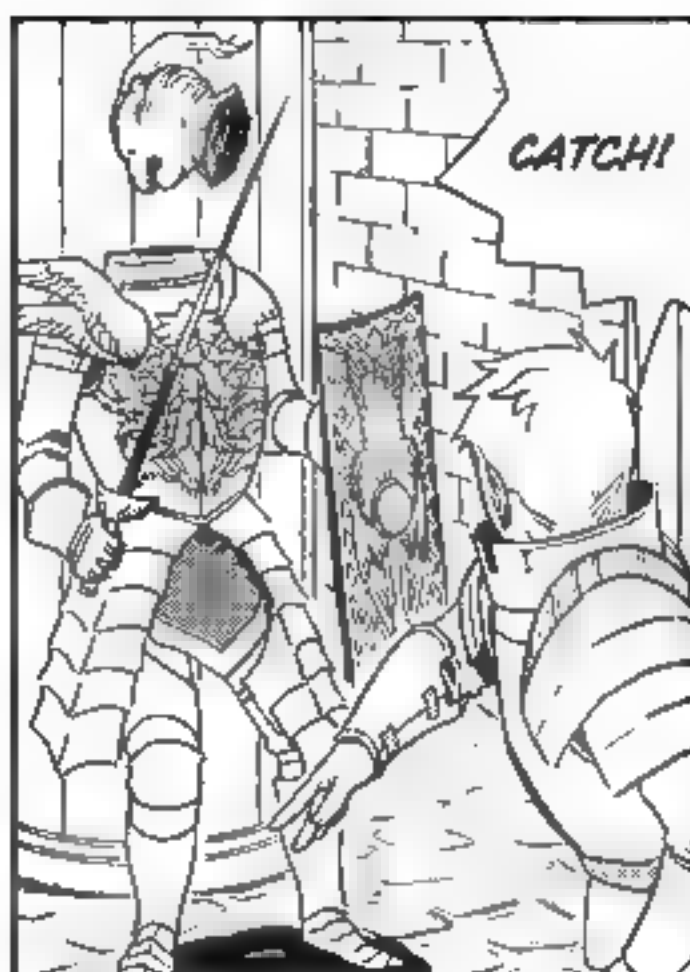


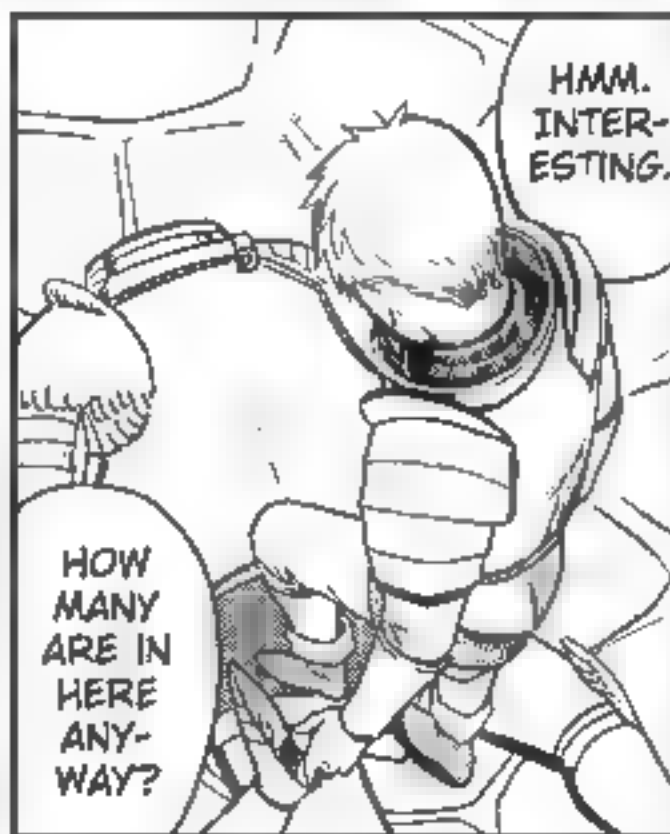
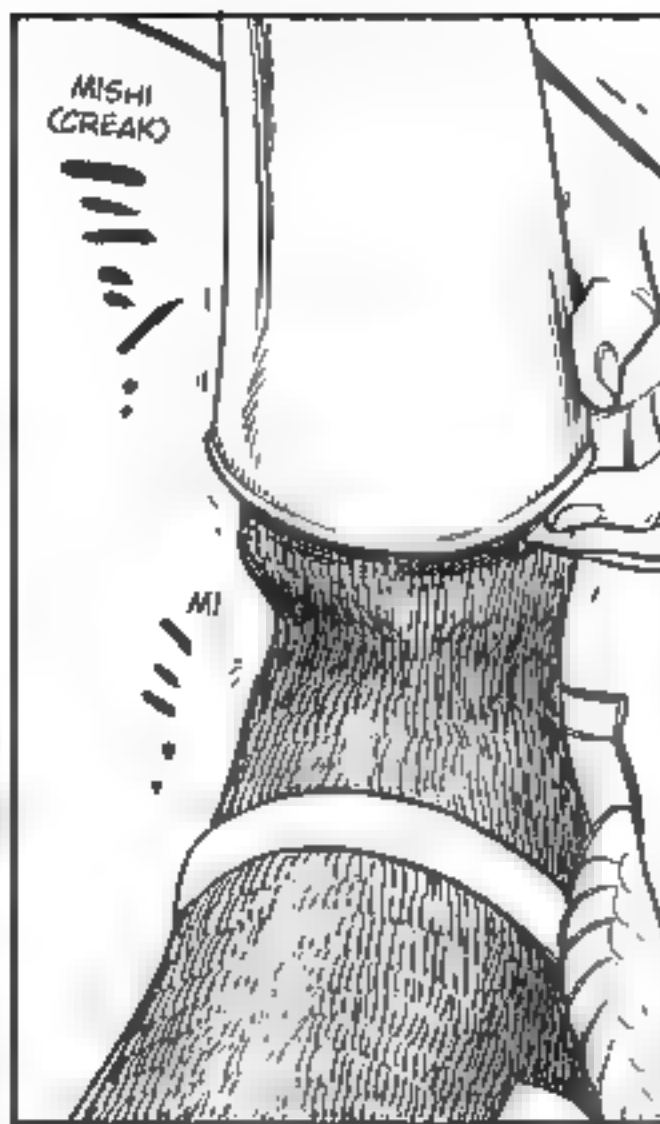


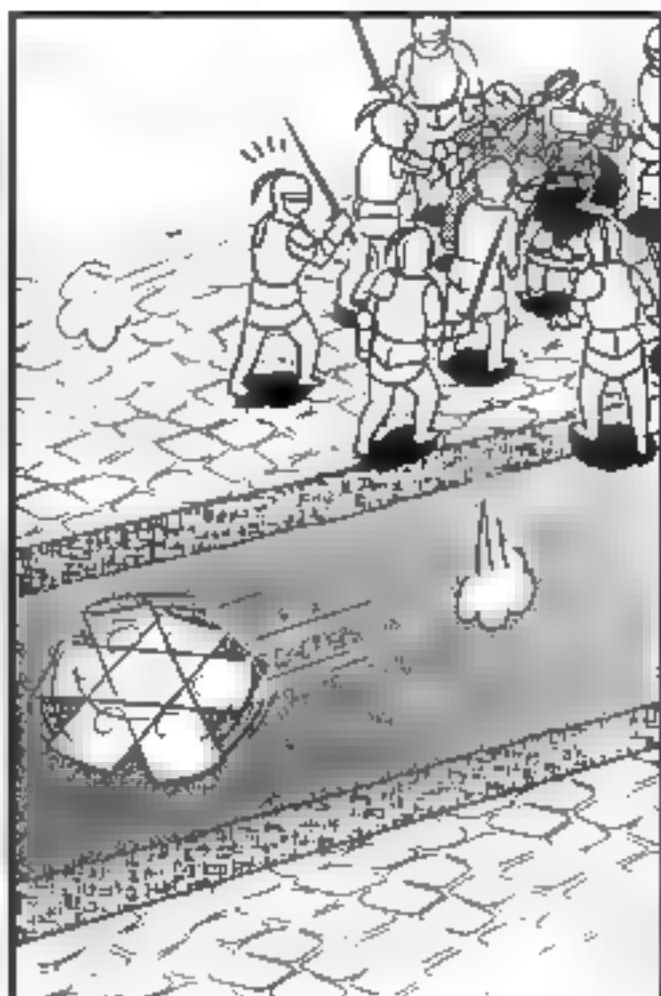


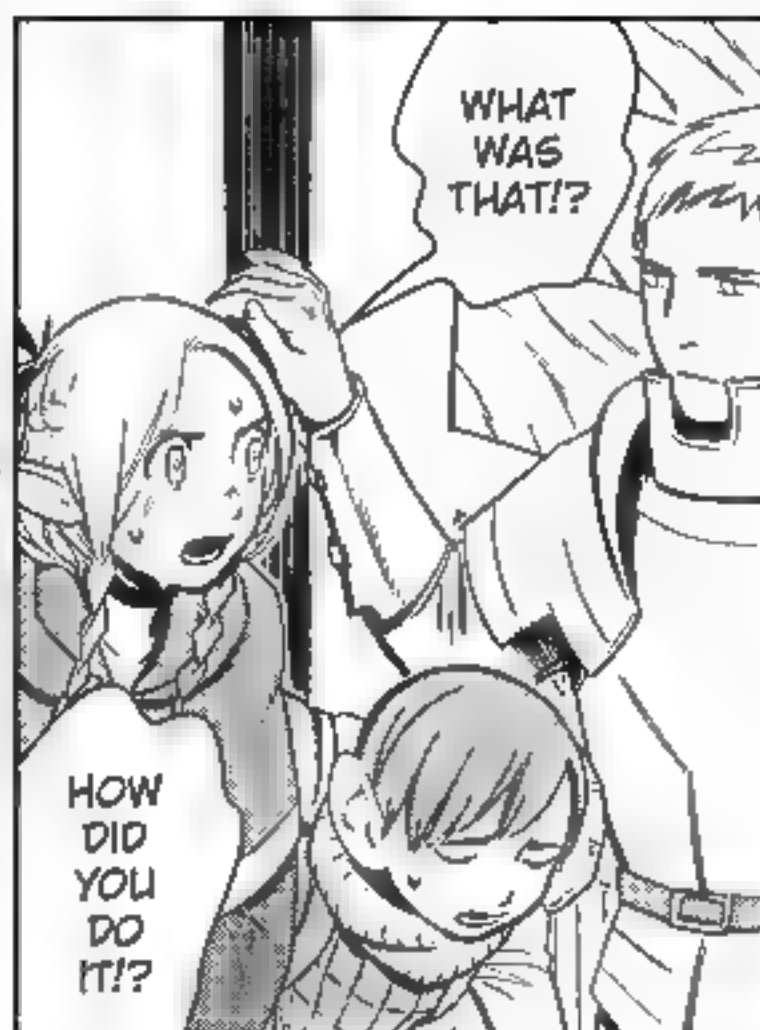


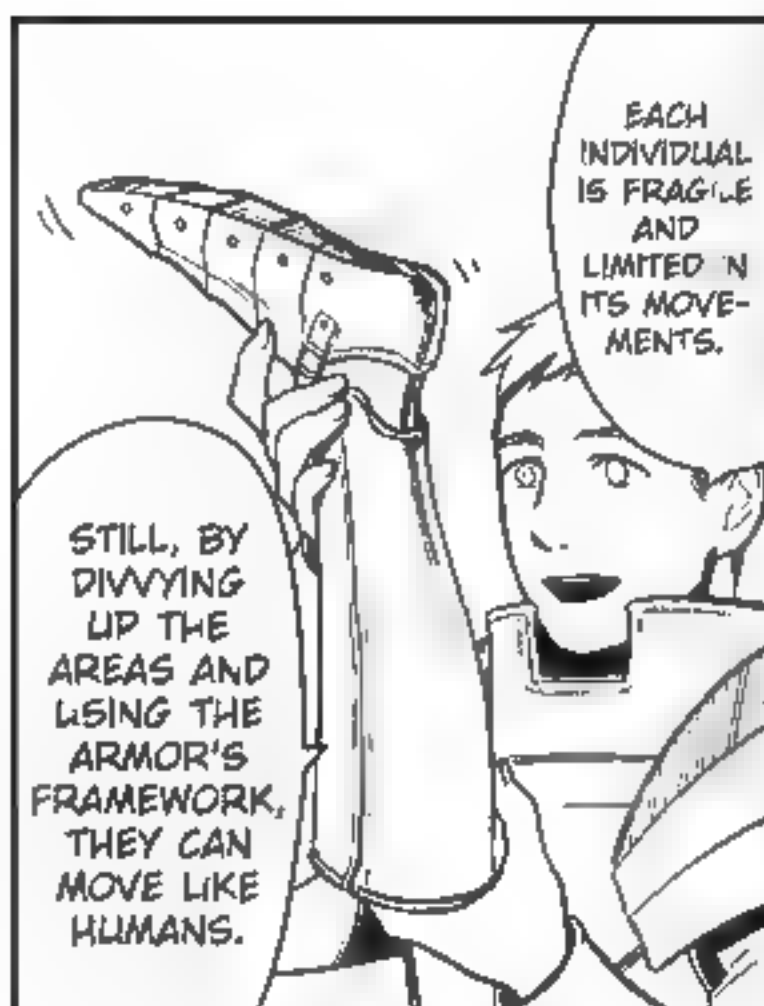




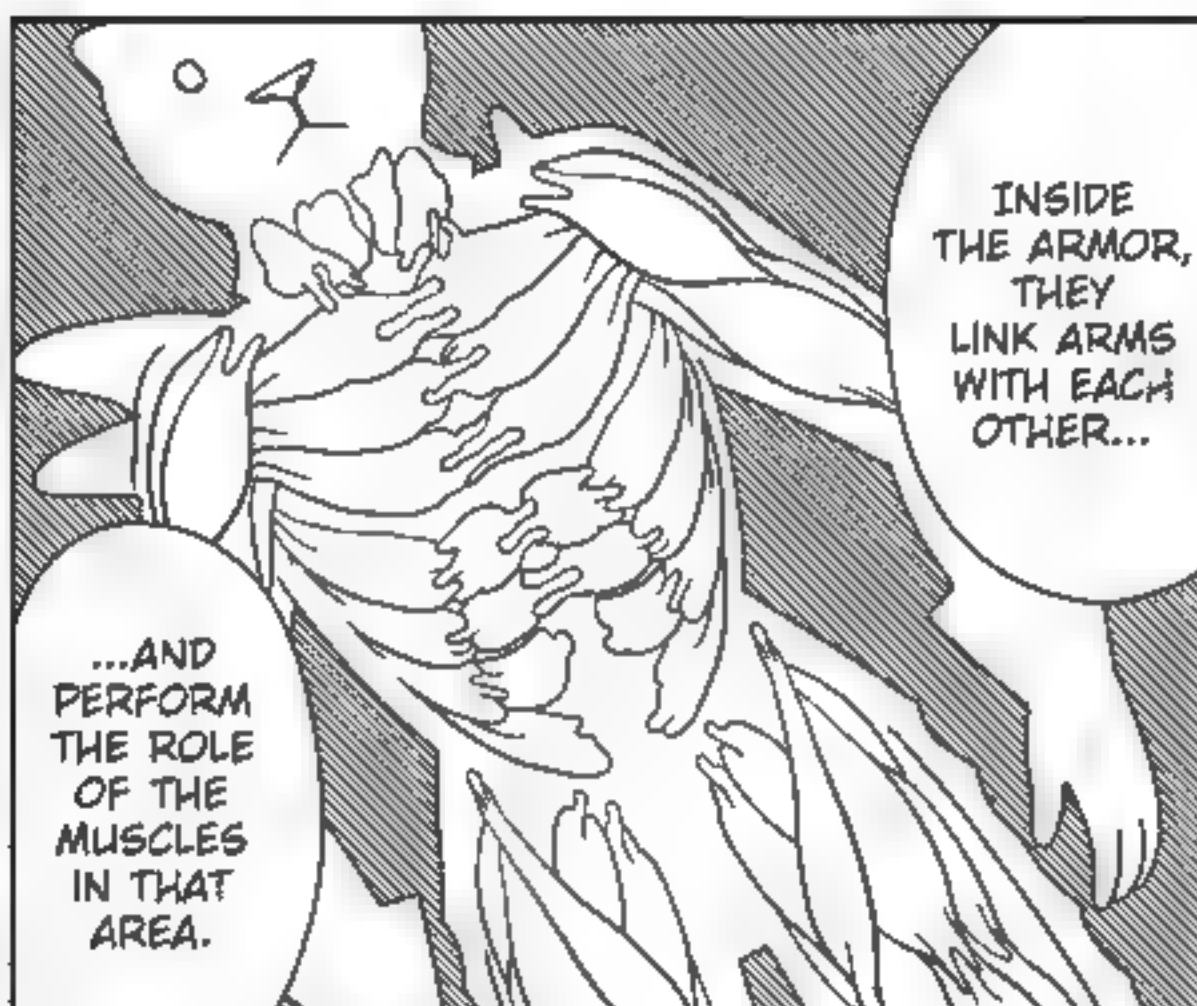








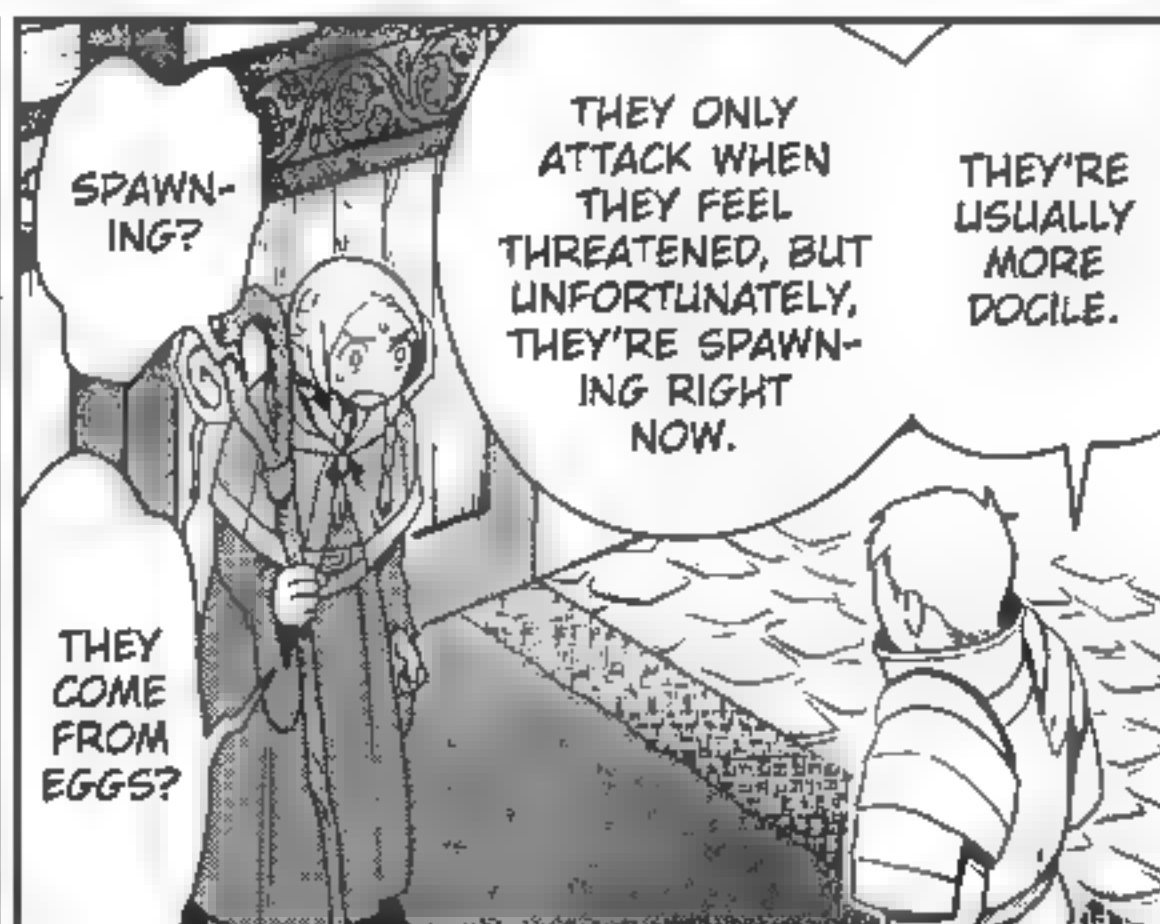
EACH INDIVIDUAL IS FRAGILE AND LIMITED IN ITS MOVEMENTS.



...AND PERFORM THE ROLE OF THE MUSCLES IN THAT AREA.



THEY'RE OVIPAROUS!



SPAWN-ING?

THEY'RE USUALLY MORE DOCILE.

THEY COME FROM EGGS?

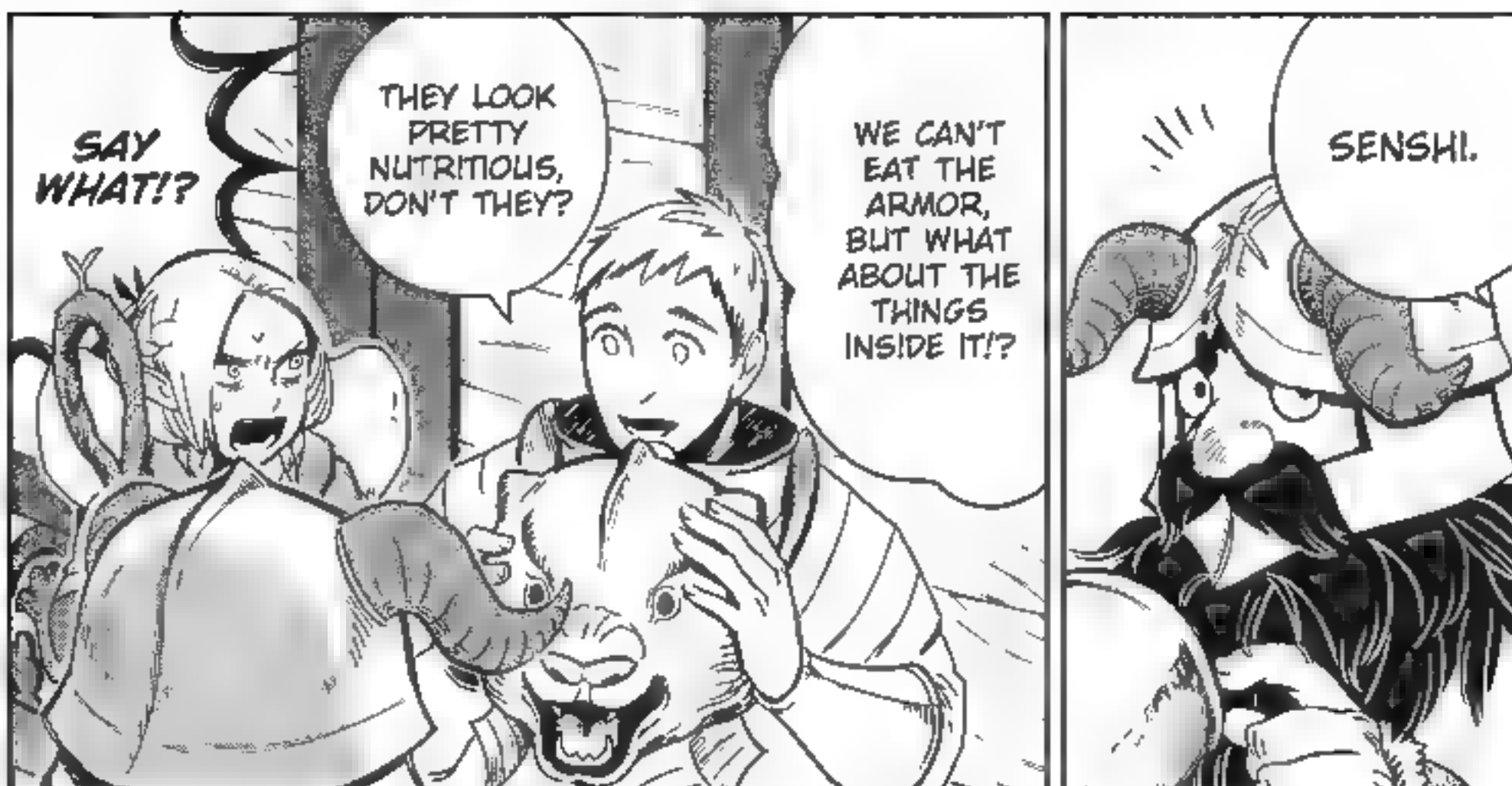


SHH

IT'S CREEPY HOW FAST HE TALKS WHEN THE TALK TURNS TO MONSTERS.

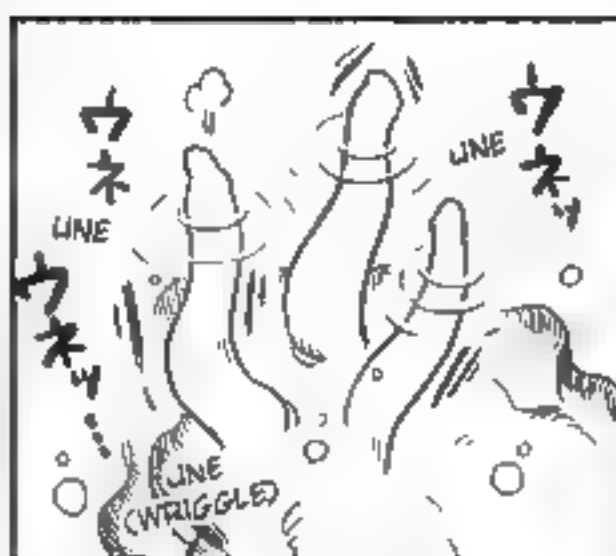


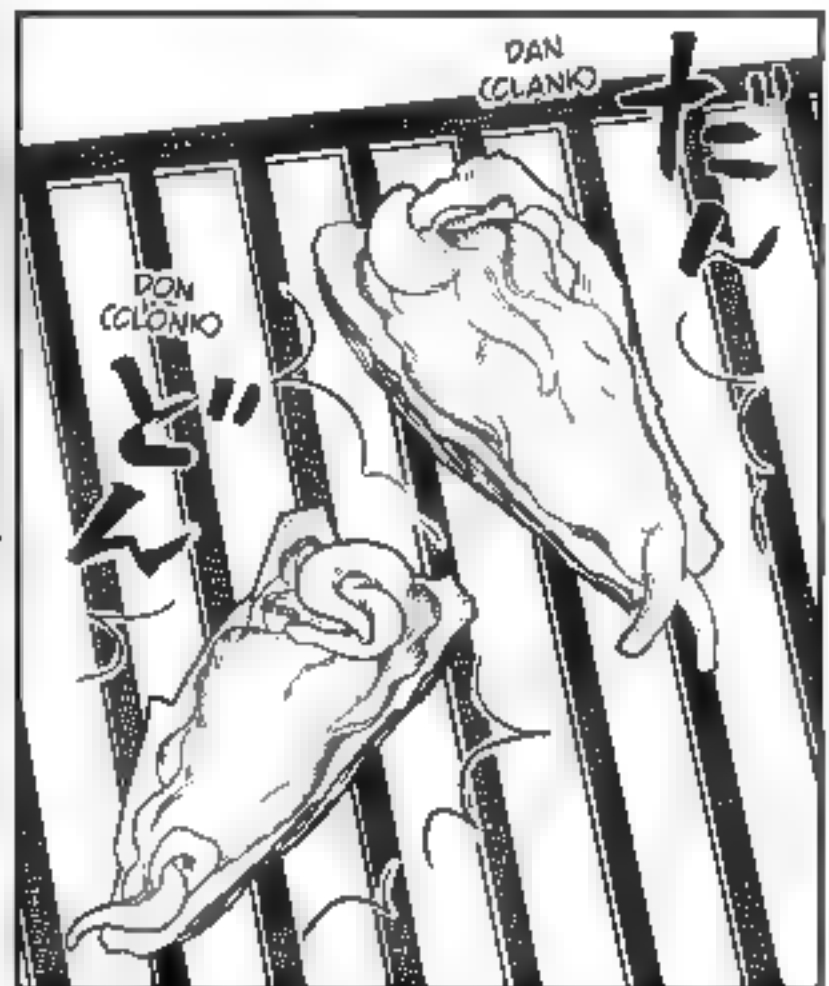
WE ALL ASSUMED THEY WERE MAGIC-POWERED ARMOR.



*THEY DO







LIVING ARMOR FULL COURSE MEAL

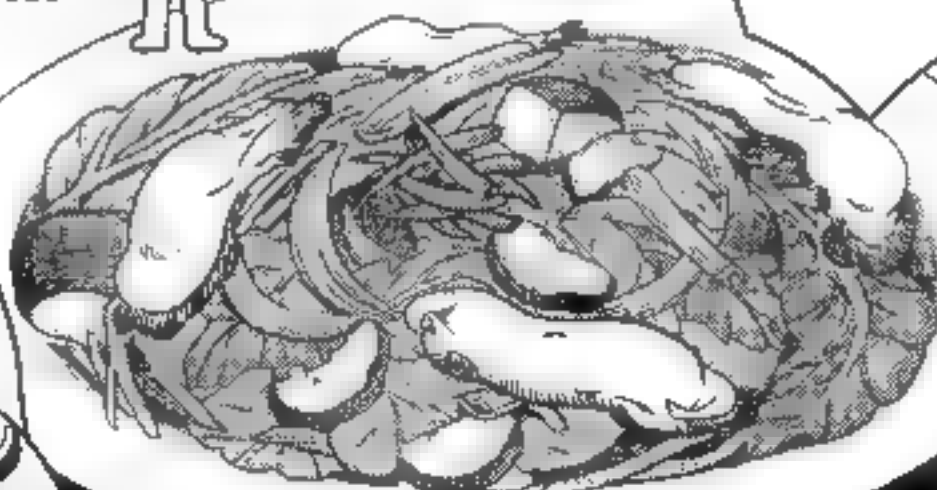
LIVING ARMOR DWARF-STYLE STIR-FRY

Ingredients (Serves 3~4)

Antitoxin herb—2 bunches
Medicinal herb—1 bunch
Living armor—7~8 med. pieces
Special sauce—1 tbsp.
Salt and pepper—To taste



**IT'S
DONE!!**



LIVING ARMOR CASSEROLE

Ingredients (Serves 5~6)

Living armor (in shell)—1
Seasonings (salt, soy sauce,
vinegar, etc.)—To taste



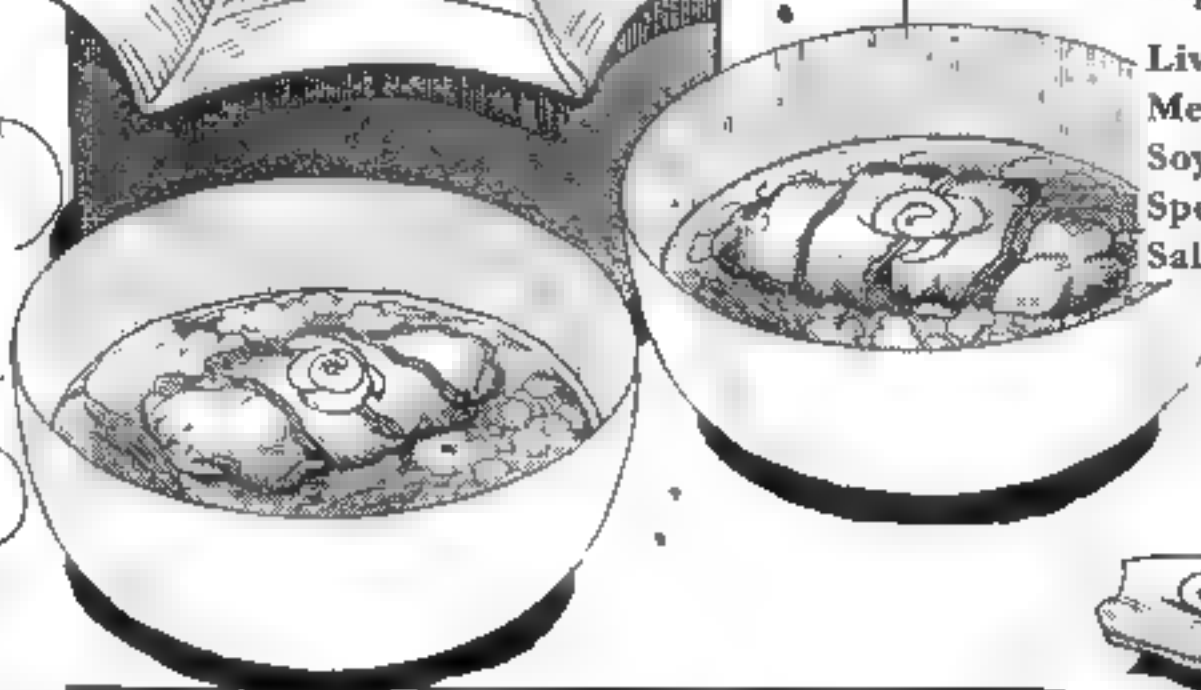
**W
H
O
A**



LIVING ARMOR SOUP

Ingredients (Serves 4)

Living armor—3~4 large pieces
Medicinal herb—1 bunch
Soy sauce—1 tbsp.
Special sauce—1 tbsp.
Salt and pepper—To taste

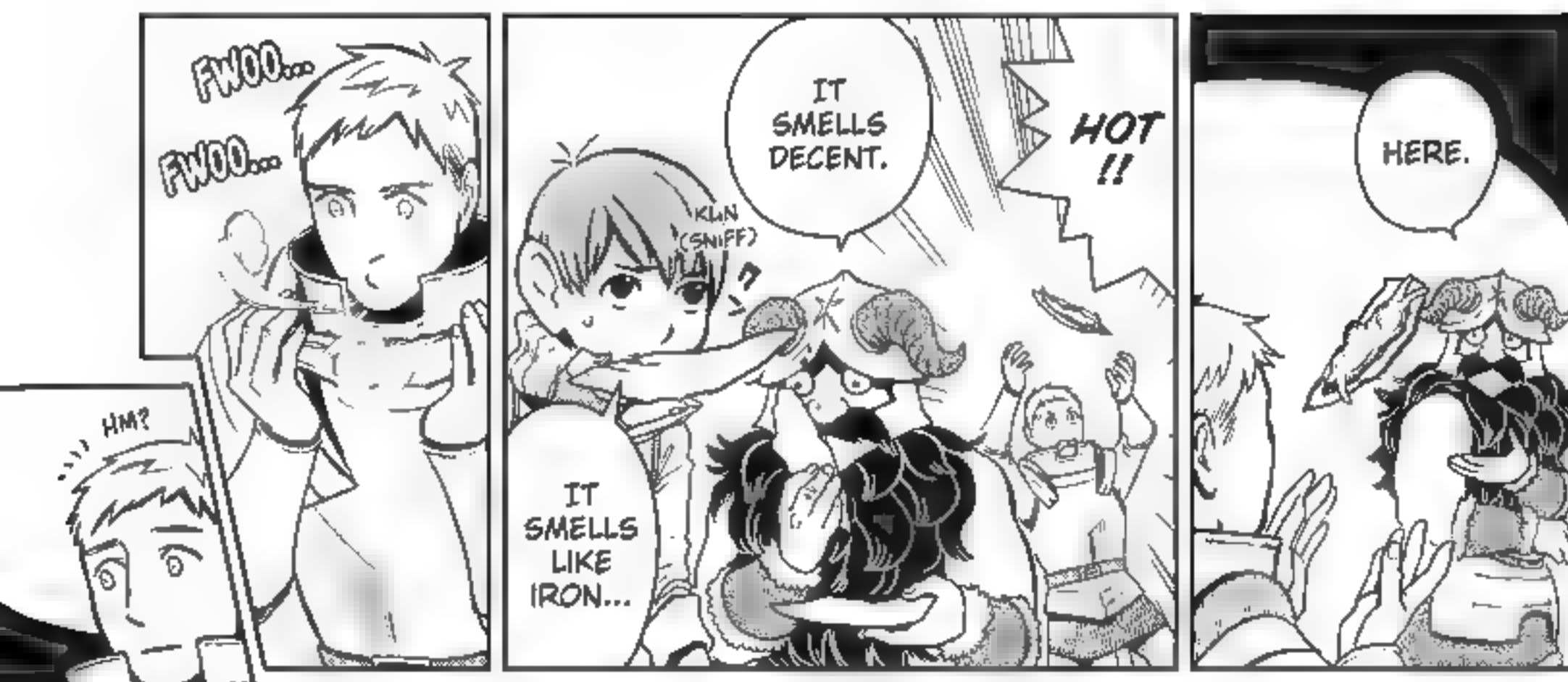


GRILLED LIVING ARMOR

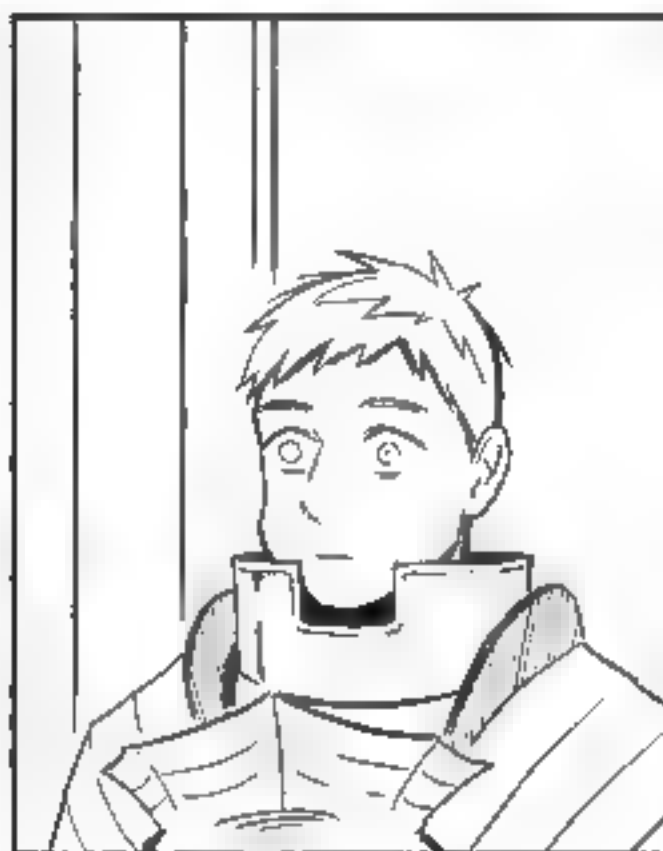
Ingredients (Serves 1)

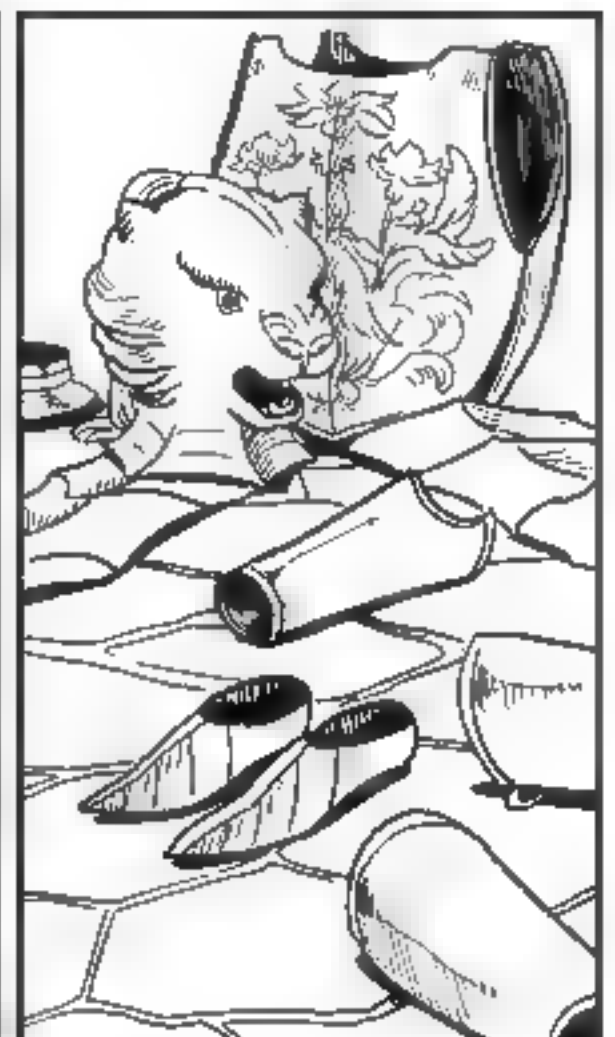
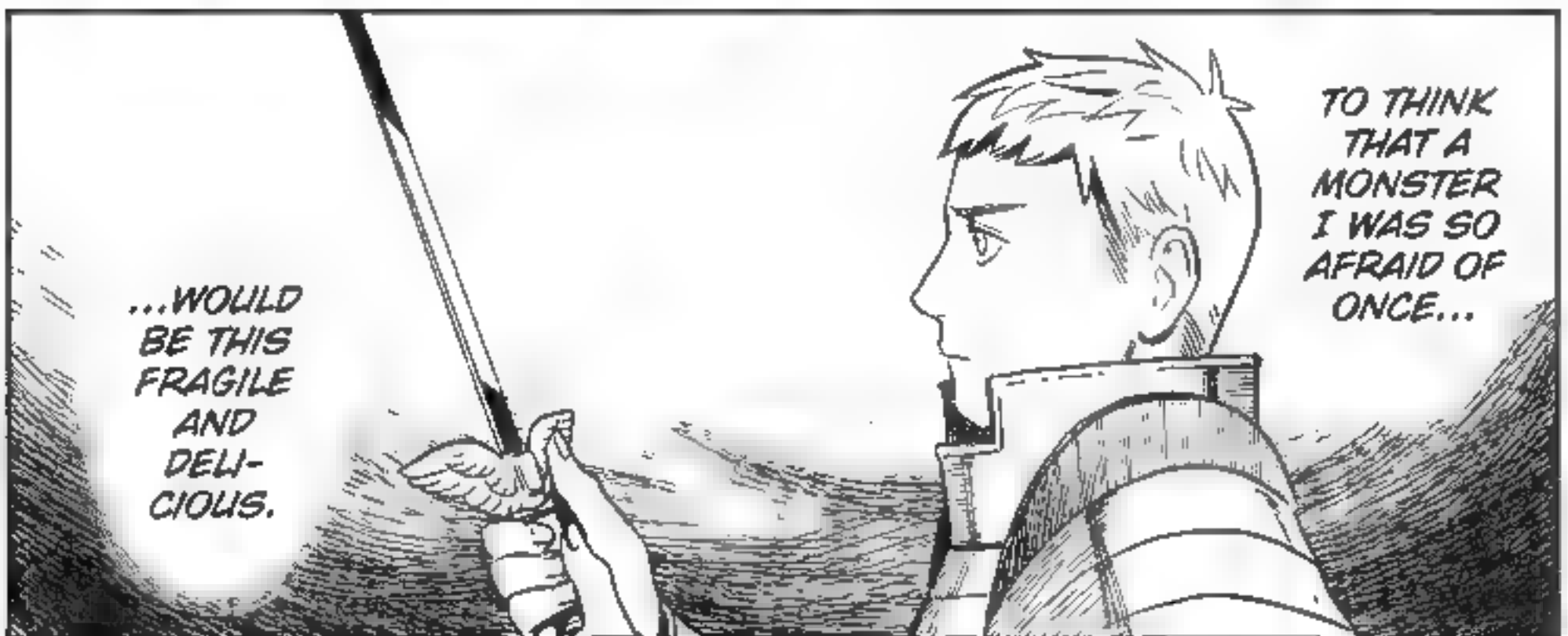
Living armor—1 large piece
Seasonings (salt, soy sauce,
vinegar, etc.)—To taste

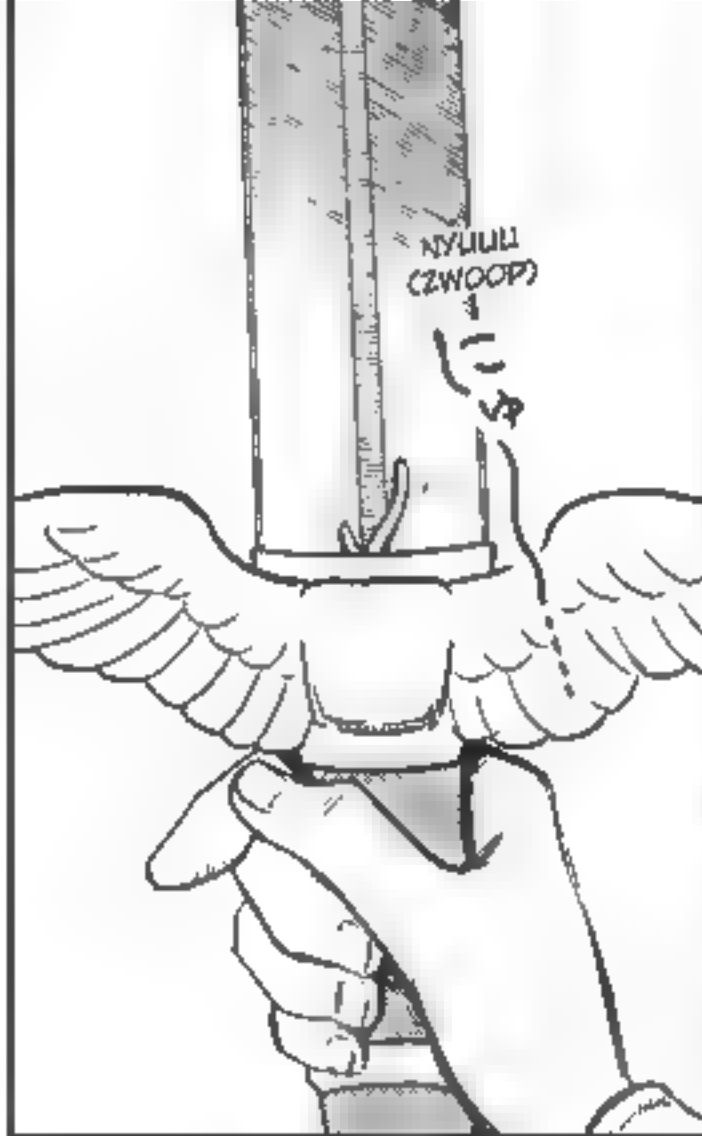
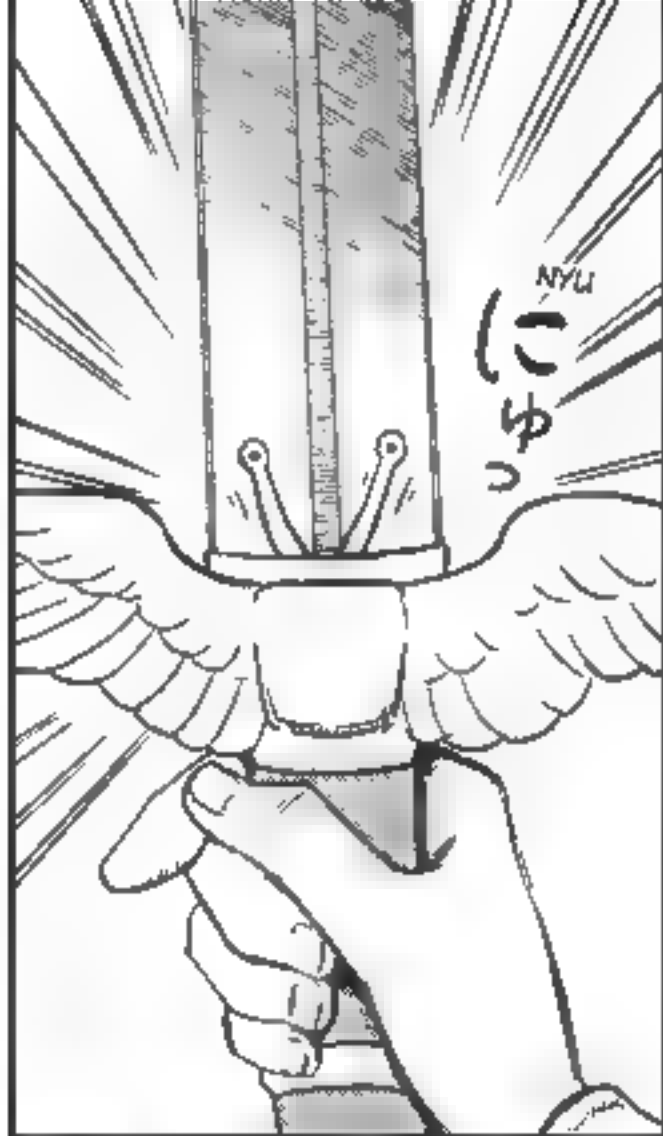


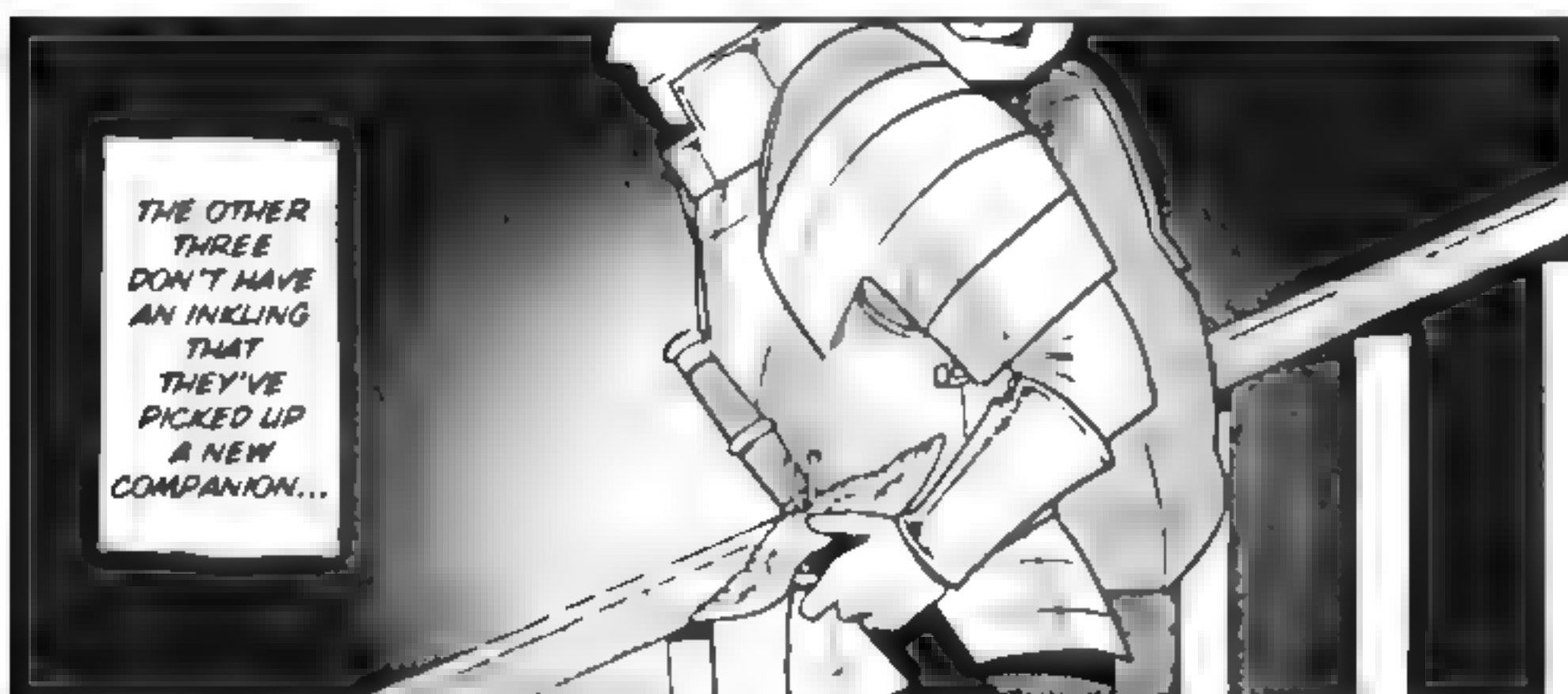
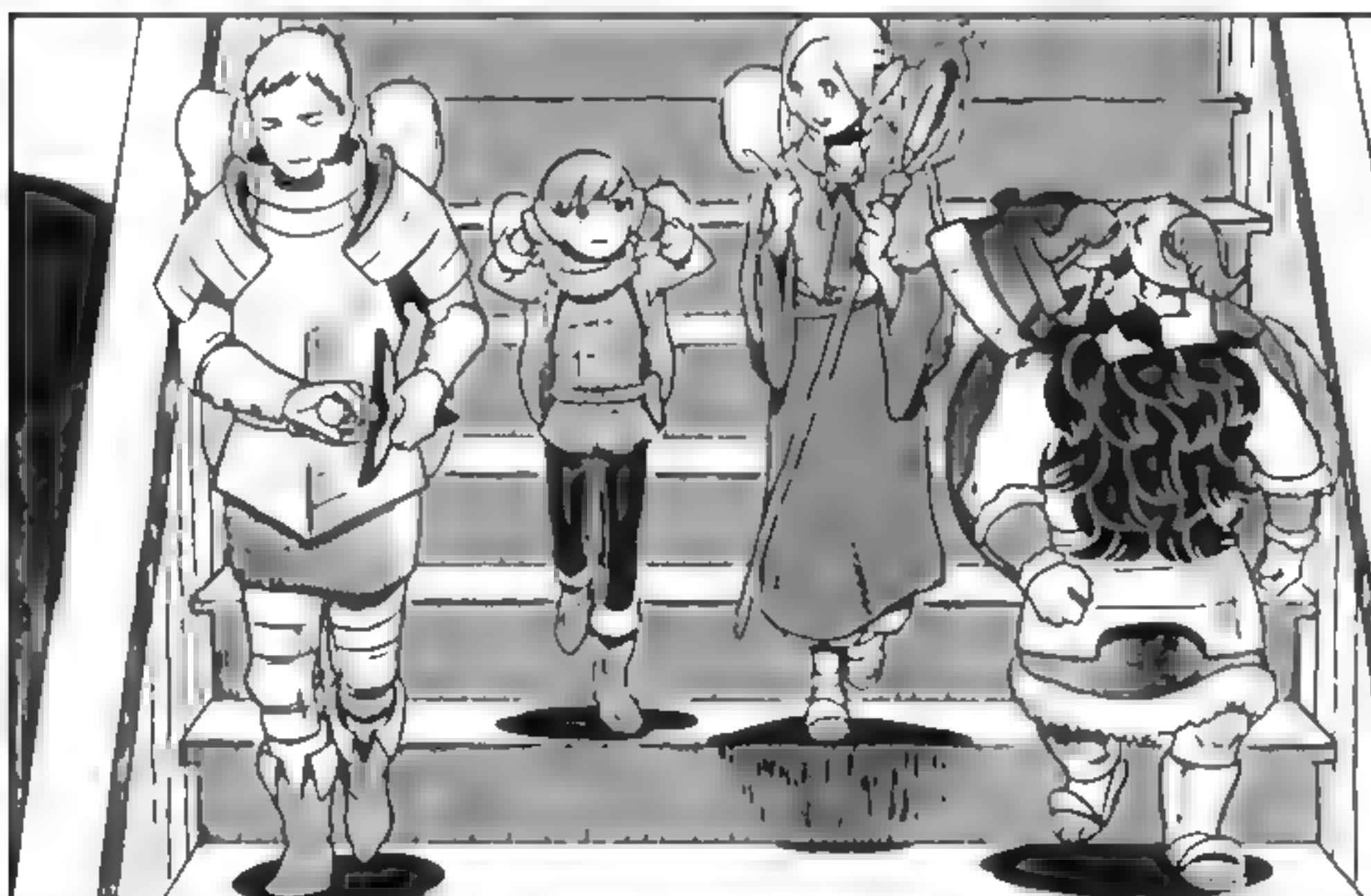
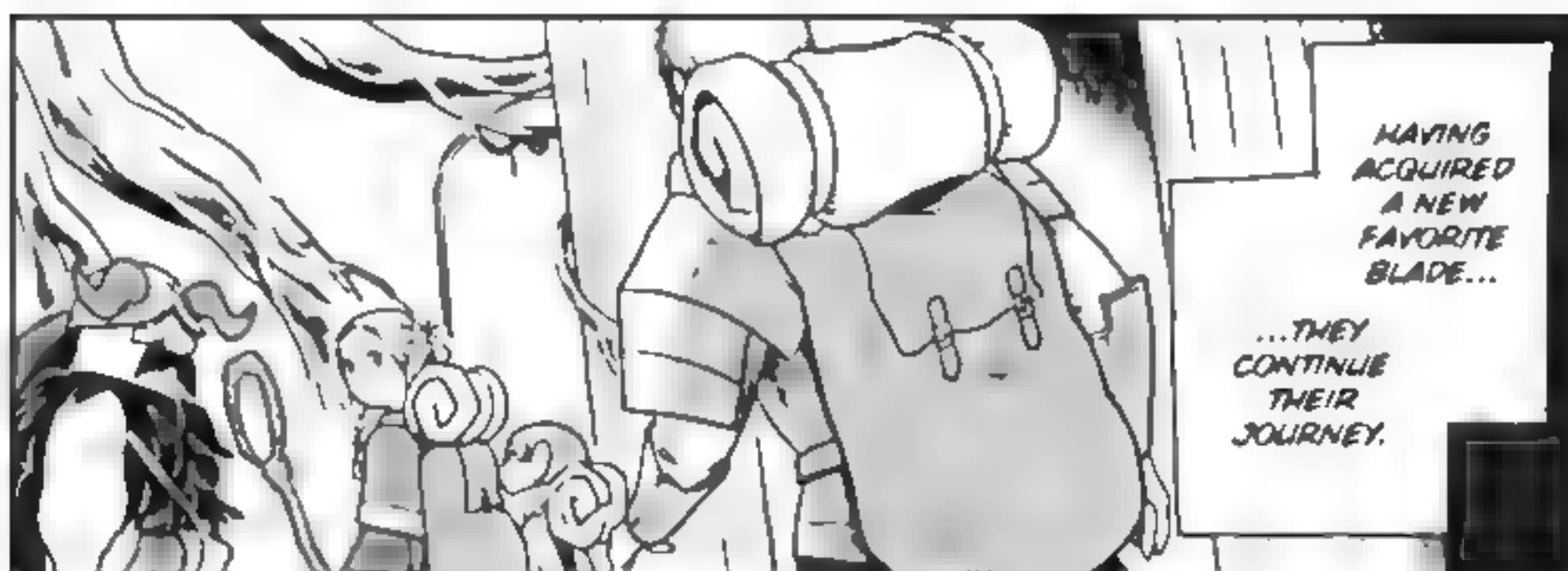












TRANSLATION NOTES

Page 5

The specific hot pot being made here, *mizutaki*, is an unthickened stew of boiled, unseasoned meat and vegetables that is cooked at the table.

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Shabu-shabu is thinly sliced meat (usually beef) parboiled in hot broth, then dipped in sauce.

Oyako-don (mother-and-child rice bowls) usually consist of chicken, egg, and sautéed onions served over rice.

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The Matagi are people of Japan's Tohoku region who farm during the growing season and then form bands and hunt during the winter.

"Along comes a duck with a leek on its back" is a Japanese phrase used when something terribly convenient happens, as if a duck has arrived to dinner with its own seasoning in tow.

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According to Japanese urban legend, cherry trees are so beautiful because there are corpses buried under them. The legend stems from the folk belief that cherry blossoms were originally white but grew pink from the blood of the corpses buried under the trees.

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Kakiage are "cakes" made of assorted shredded vegetables and sometimes seafood that are then lightly battered and fried.

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Tempura refers to meat or vegetables that have been battered and deep-fried. Tempura is distinct from other deep-fry techniques in that breadcrumbs are omitted.

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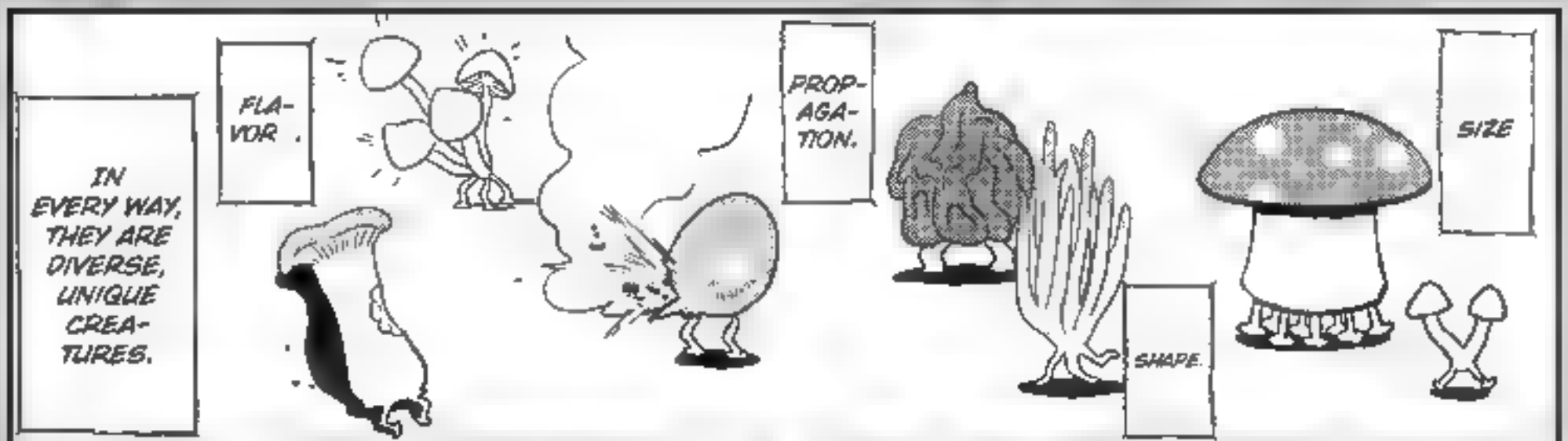
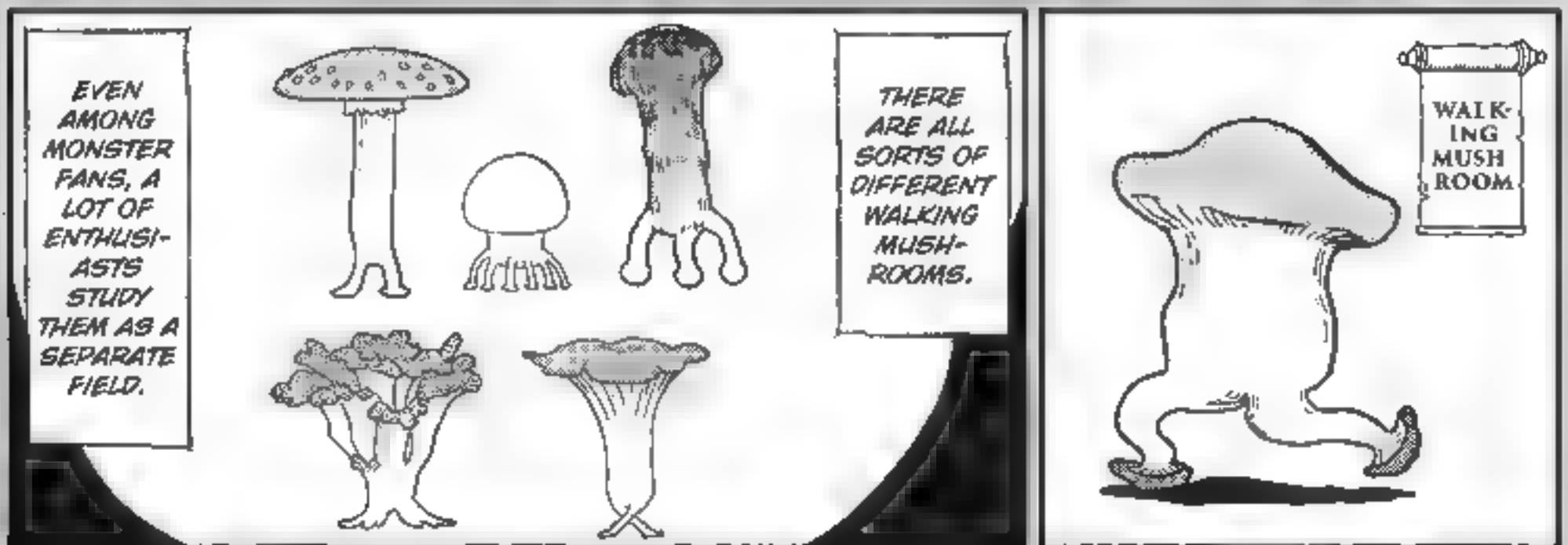
Matango is a 1963 Japanese thriller about a group of castaways who are stranded on an island, eat the fungi that grow there, and find themselves slowly turning into mushrooms...which explains Marcille's reaction.

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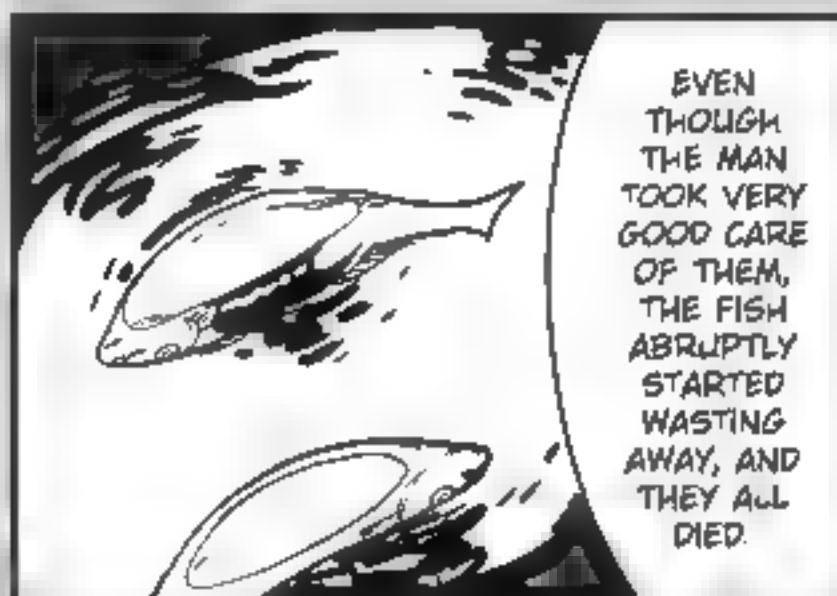
Senshi is using degrees Celsius. Converted, 180°C is about 365°F. Ouch!

To be continued...

MISCELLANEOUS MONSTER TALES



SFX: PARARA (FLIPPP)





IT'S
EASY TO
TRAP
PREY
USING
FORCE.

HOWEVER,
IF IT ISN'T
OKAY TO
HURT THE
TARGET,
YOU NEED
A MORE
DELICATE
TECHNIQUE.



I
SHOULD
NOT HAVE
ASKED
HER IF
IT "FELT
GOOD."

STILL,
IT'S TRUE
THAT SOME
MAN-
EATING
PLANTS' PREY-
TRAPPING
ABILITIES
ARE
DRAWING
NOTICE.



MAN-
EATING
PLANTS



IT'S
REALLY
HARD
FOR A
PLANT ...

...NO,
FOR EVEN A
HUMAN TO
DO SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT.



CREATURES
WHOSE
STURDINESS
AND WAYS OF
MOVING ARE
COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT.



THEY
ADAPT TO
ABSOLUTELY
ANY
CREATURE.

RATS OR
BEARS OR
HUMANS.



GOOD
(FOOOO)

ALL I CAN
SEE IS A
FUTURE
WHERE IT'S
USED FOR
EVIL.

AAAH!



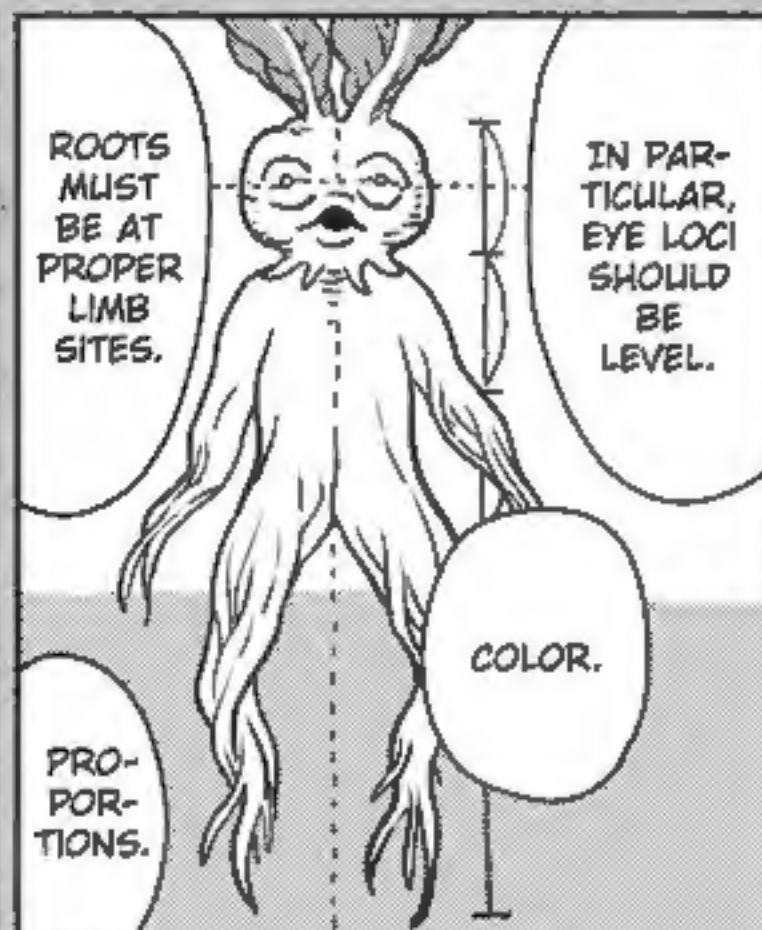
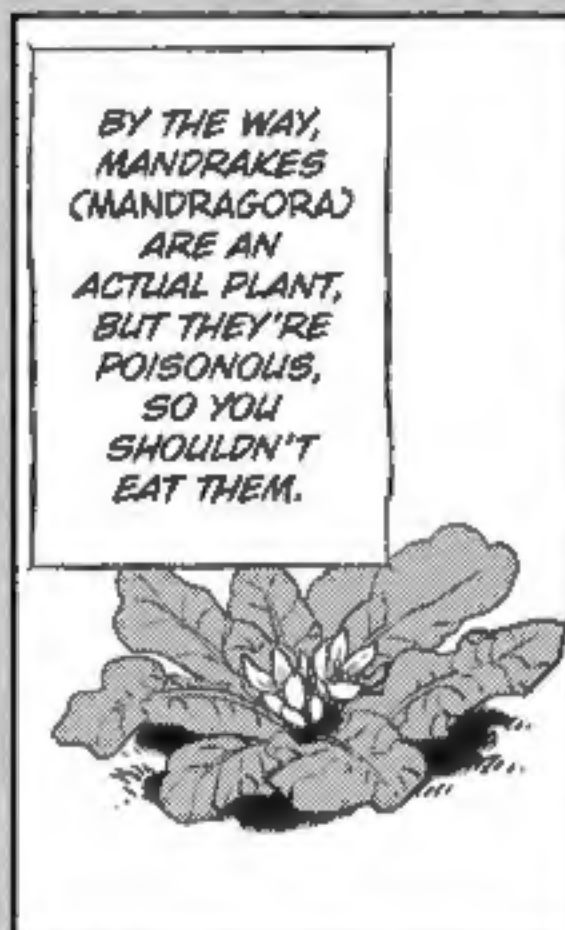
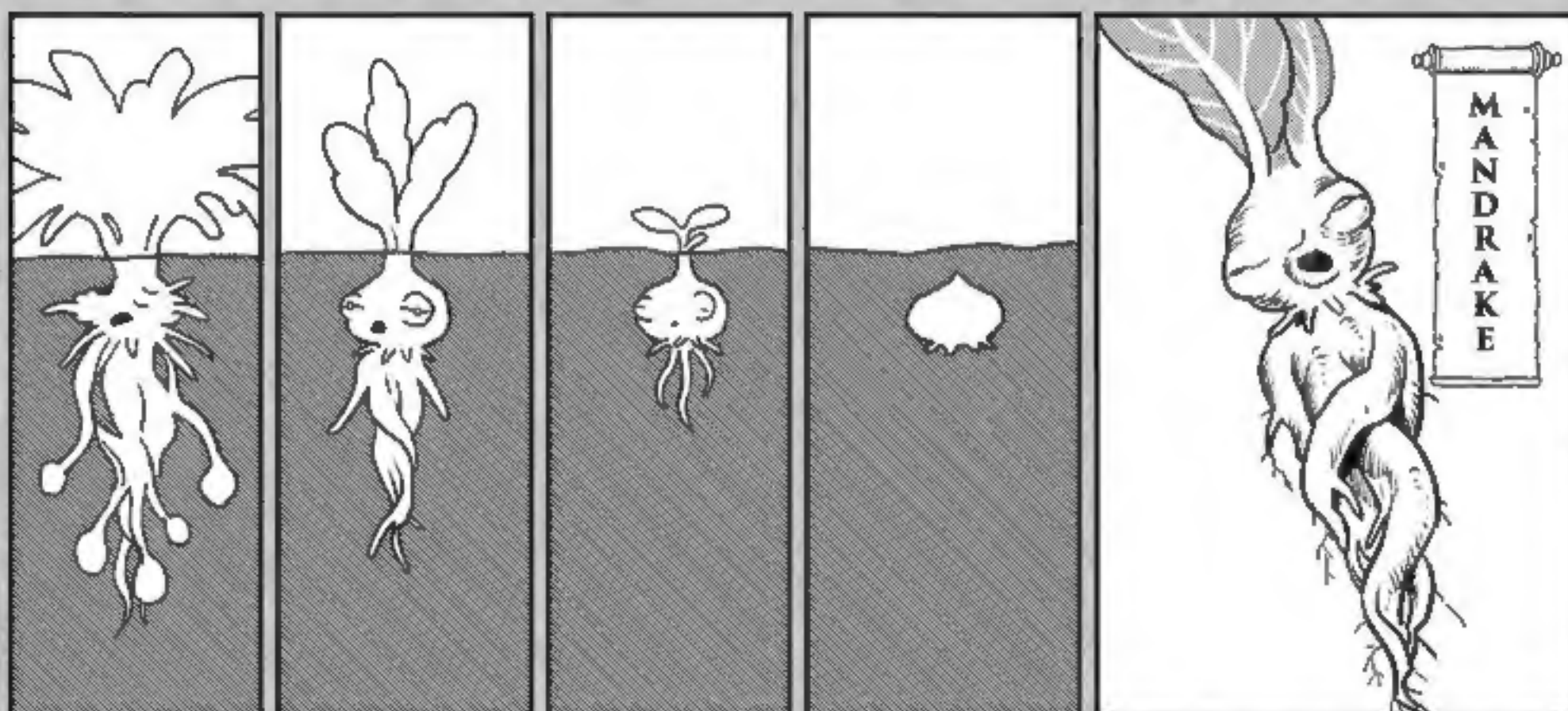
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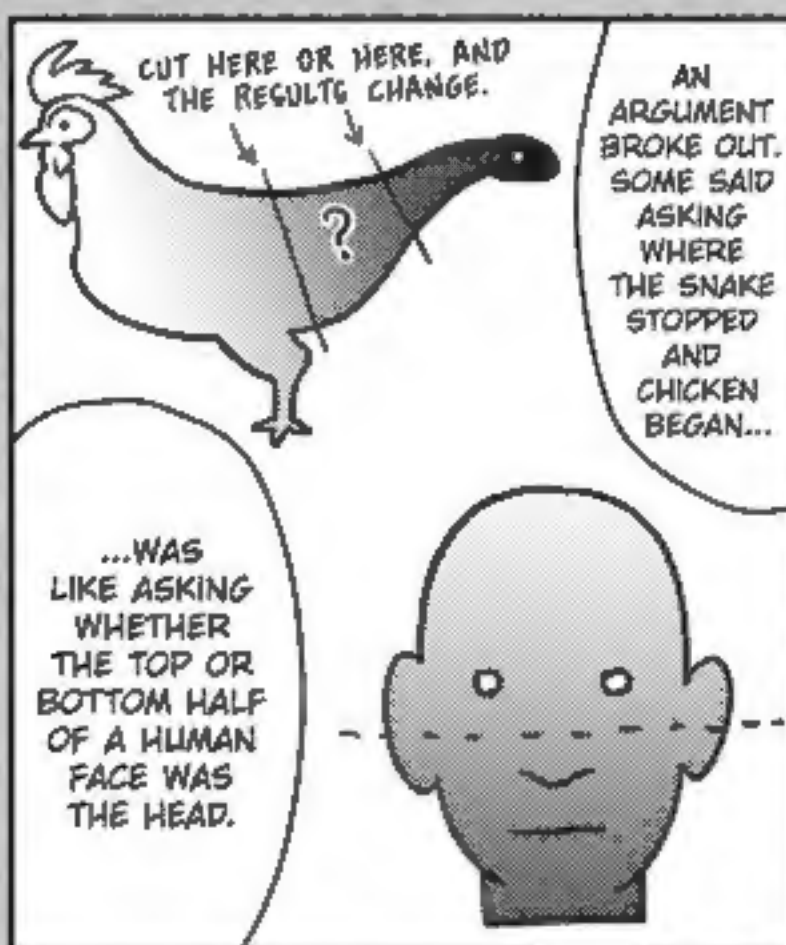
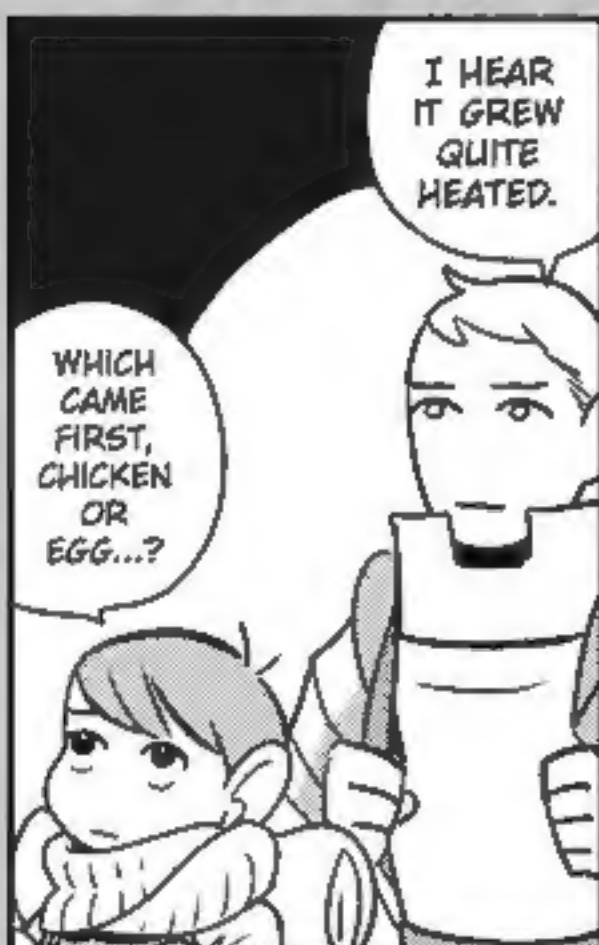
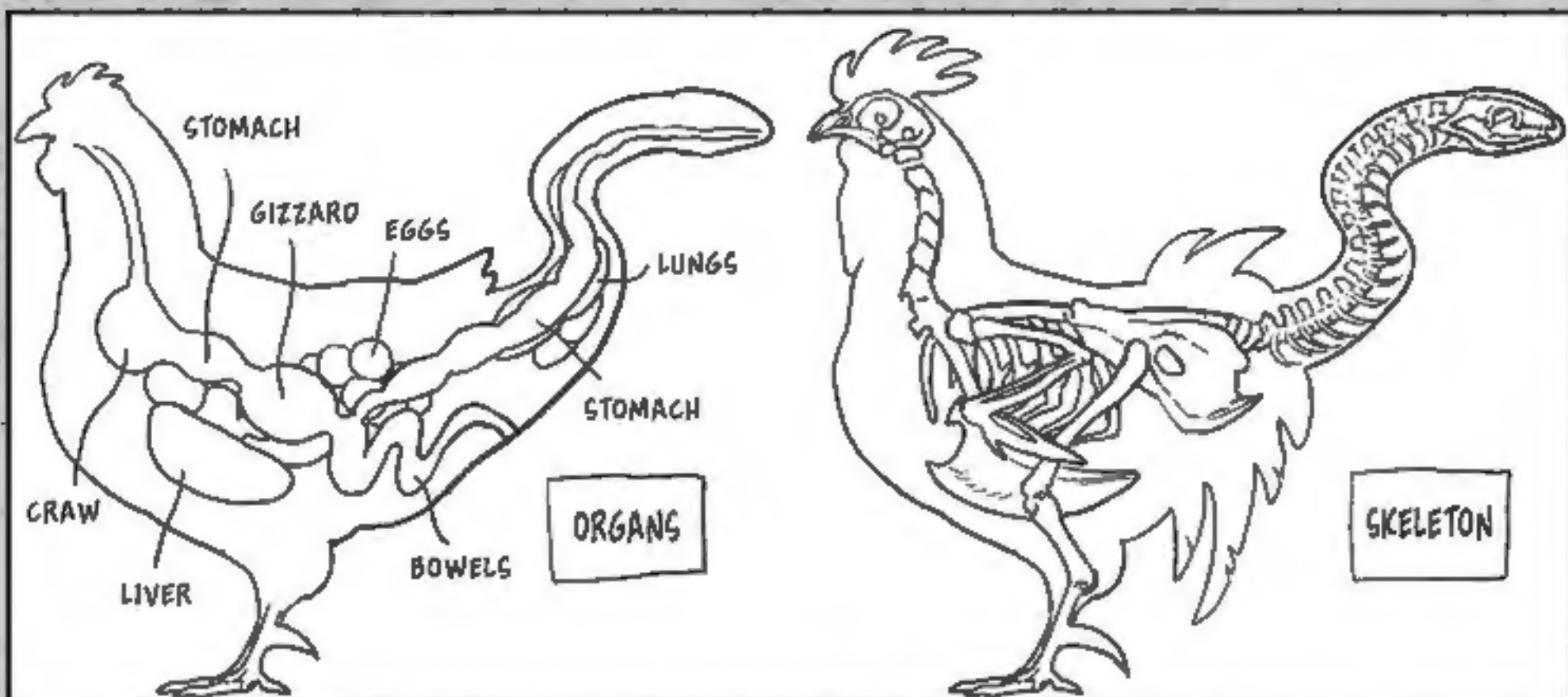
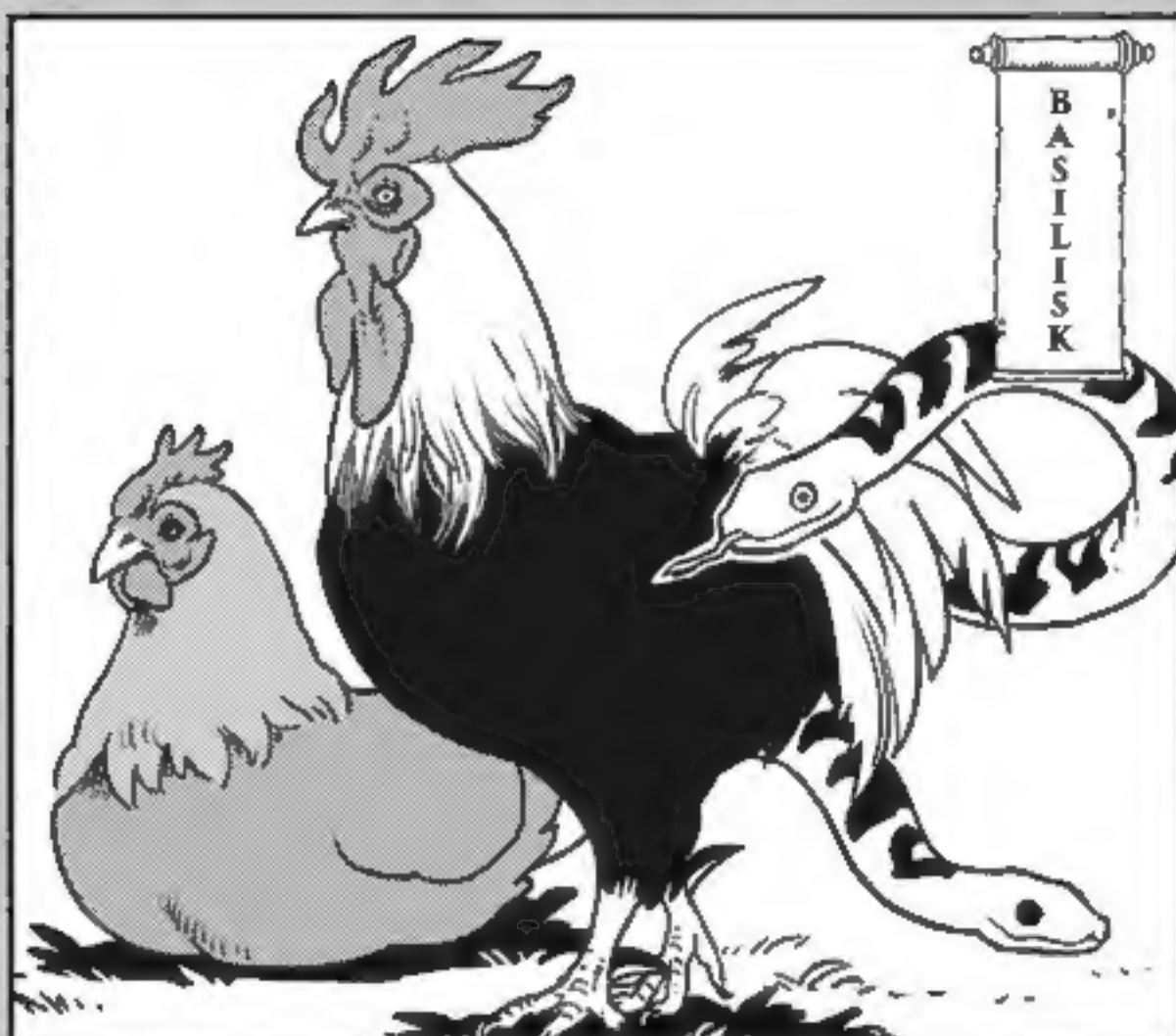
SEE?
YOU'RE
INTERESTED
NOW,
AREN'T
YOU?



THEY SAY
THESE PLANTS
COULD BE
USEFUL FOR
ALL SORTS OF
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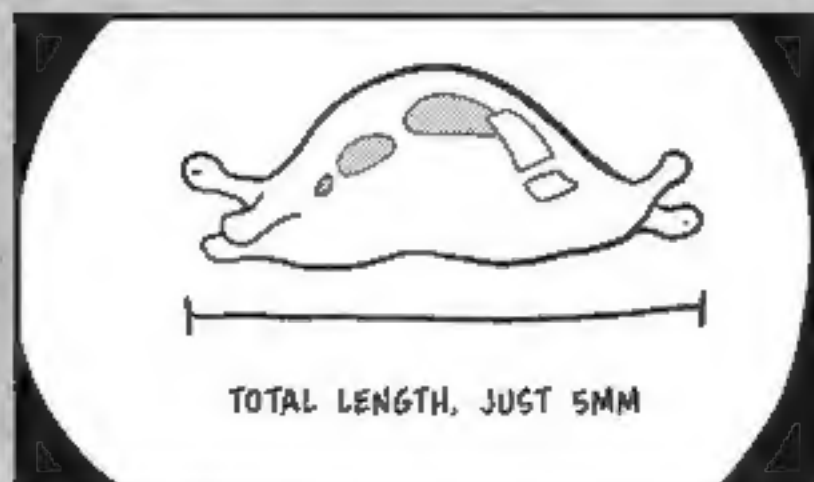
TRAPPING
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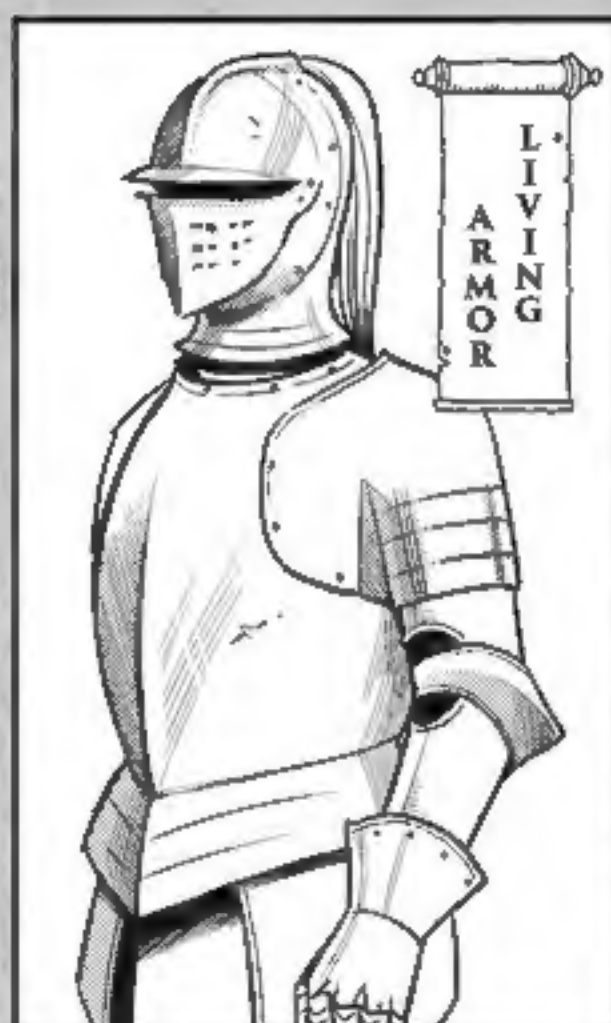
TOTAL LENGTH, JUST 5MM



SPAWN-
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THERE
ARE
LOTS
OF
EGGS
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LIVING
ARMOR



ADULT

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ONCE
IT CAN
MOVE,
IT GOES
LOOKING
FOR
OTHER
COLO-
NIES.

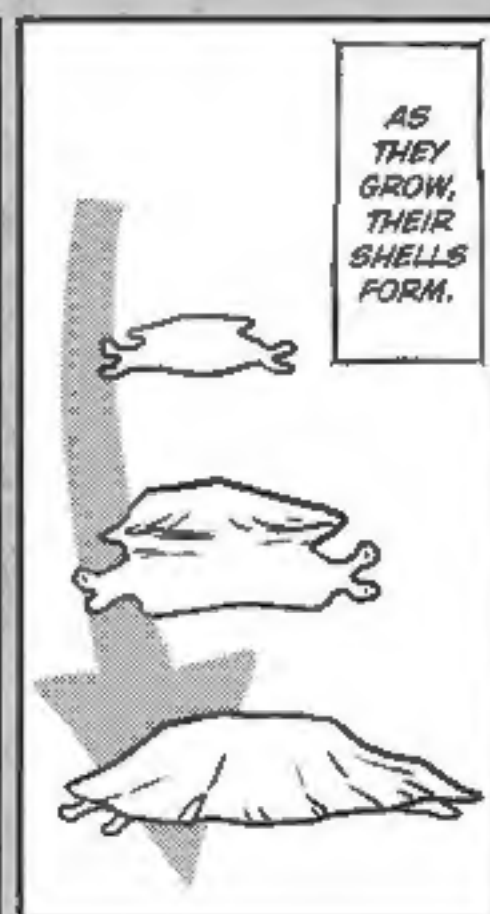


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ALLY,
THEY
TAKE THE
SHAPE OF
ARMOR.

IT LOOKS
LIKE A
RUINED SUIT
OF ARMOR.



ONCE THEY
REACH A
CERTAIN
SIZE, THEY
BEGIN TO
SWARM.



AS
THEY
GROW,
THEIR
SHELLS
FORM.



WHAT'S
WITH
THAT?

THE
ARMOR YOU
SEE HOLDING
HANDS
SOMETIMES!
MAYBE THAT
WASN'T AN
ADVENTURER
PRANK! MAYBE
THEY WERE
MATING!

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(STRIDE) SLITA
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IT'S LIKELY
THAT LIVING
ARMOR IS
HERMAPHRO-
DITIC AND THAT
THE BIGGEST
COLONY LAYS
THE EGGS...

WAIT!
THEN...!?

AH!



THAT'S
JUST A
HYPOTH-
ESIS,
BUT...

...IF IT'S
CORRECT, I
THINK LINING
UP LIKE THIS
MAY BE A
COURTSHIP
RITUAL.

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